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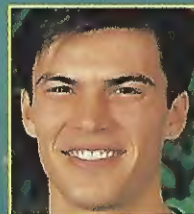
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Keep up the good work

I heartily congratulate you on the publication of Soccer Australia. The magazine is very informative, makes interesting reading and is a large boost to Australian soccer. Since the demise of Aussie Soccer magazine, you have filled the void, even though there has been a long time period in between.

I am a 20-year-old university student, in my final year, and am also doing a correspondence course in writing. I believe you should look at putting in a crossword in your magazine, which may be rewarded by your advertisers' products to correct entries and adding general trivia questions on the CCSL both past and present. Your round by round statistics are also of great interest. What about printing statistics on past seasons in the CCSL off season?

Ante Grabovac
Kingsgrove, NSW, 2208

Sydney fans stay away

I read with interest the article titled "Dreams do come true" (Soccer Australia, May). Les Murray summed up my sentiments and many other people in saying that this WYC was the best by far both on and off the park. One criticism that I have of this article is with respect to the attendance for the opening game of the WYC between Australia and Colombia. Don't get me wrong, I do believe that this tournament was a total success, but surely the Sydney Football Stadium should have had a full house of 42,000. Les Murray was annoyed by 'some twit' who has suggested the attendance was disappointing. Les Murray then tries to justify the crowd figure by saying 'Let's not forget that this was a youth tournament'. Yes this was a youth tournament but after all it was this same publication prior to the WYC which described it as

Ardone's the man to watch

I am a girl at Prairiewood High School and have been nominated to write to you on behalf of just about every girl in our region.

We have a major problem. We are all in love with this guy Walter Ardone. He is so cute he is driving us all crazy. Anyway, Sydney Olympic did not do too well this year and we could not see as much of him as what we would like.

So we are all praying that you could help us. He lives in our area Bossley Park, which makes it worse. We have tried calling and writing to him but it's just no good. We tried to go to almost every Sydney Olympic game but we could not get close enough to talk to him.

So we are all hoping that you can interview him, but most of all take a lot of pictures so we can put them on our school folders. We buy your magazine every time it comes out and the newspaper, but in the newspaper all we see is his name - we want big pictures of this hunk.

Yours desperately
Infatuated Fans

Bring on the Spunkeroos

In these pages we have already seen indications of women's opinions on the general sexiness of soccer players. May I suggest that we capitalise on this great untapped resource in order to popularise soccer further by capturing one of the largest, if not THE largest, consumer groups: teenage girls? As evidence I cite the popularity of products featuring 90210 hunks Jason Priestley and Luke Perry. I also believe that the June issue of Dolly magazine is on the right track, with its poster of Young Spunkeroos (sorry, Socceroos) Holst, Macolino and Moric. As our boys have considerably more to offer than Rugby's ET or AFL's Plugger, I believe a calendar of Aussie soccer players could help popularise soccer.

Furthermore, may I nominate the following players for such an enterprise:

1. Paul Trimboli - big blue eyes, boy-next door appeal
2. Dean Anastasiades - 1940's matinee idol looks
3. Francis Awaritefe - ALREADY a model
4. Mark Bosnich - sensitive 'Dead Poet's Society' look
5. Milan Blagojevic - the hair, the muscles, the bone structure ...

Please consider my suggestion carefully.

Trimmer's Biggest Fan

'the biggest sporting event outside the 1956 Olympics to be staged in Australia' and the 'most watched event bar none in the history of Australian sport'. I totally agree with these statements, but why must you contradict yourself by trying to justify it with respect to its youth status, in order to suit the circumstances? After all Les Murray vents his criticism in the "World Soccer Annual (Vol. 1)" by commenting on the boorish apathy in which the Europeans dismiss it as a kids tournament. The truth is that

the Sydney Football Stadium should have been a sell-out because of the fact that it was the opening game to kick off Australia 93', Australia was playing, together with the opening ceremony, and that it was the biggest sporting event of 1993. And finally if it were held in Melbourne at a venue larger than Olympic Park eg. the MCG, I have no doubt in my mind that there would have been some 50,000 people there.

Leon Keramaris
East Doncaster, 3109

EDITORIAL

Australia's push towards becoming a republic in the 21st century has a direct bearing on soccer. Our desire to develop closer economic ties with Asia and Pacific Rim nations would appear, on the surface, to match-up to a large extent with FIFA's push to give the Oceania World Cup qualifying winner (hopefully Australia) a fairer deal.

If that means going lock, stock and barrel into Asia then it must be seriously considered. Let's face it, there is big money to be earned in Asia - former Soccerroo captain Alan Davidson is proving that in Malaysia!

The development of the game in Japan in recent years has been incredible, peaking with the recent launch of the professional league of which former England striker Gary Linekar is the guru. Wouldn't it be great if some of that huge investment

in Japanese soccer found its way Down Under? The Marconi-Sony Soccer Club, Heidelberg-Hitachi SC, and the Newcastle-Nissan SC would add an extra dimension to the ethnic names debate. The deal between the ABC and the ASF to show CCSI highlights throughout South-East Asia (to an estimated audience of more than 500 million) supports the theory that this region is where our future lies. The Coca-Cola Joeys will have the chance to further fly the Aussie flag in August when they once again compete in their World Youth Championship. Australia's continued presence at FIFA tournaments is another feather in our cap and the fact that the finals are in Japan will give our Under-17 ambassadors the perfect opportunity to further our regional aims. Being Italian-born, I hold no sway, one way or the other, for the Monarchy. But, if we are to



secure our future as a leading international soccer nation, closer ties with our closest neighbours would seem inevitable.

FOOTNOTE: As we go to press, the Coca-Cola Soccerroos are about to embark on their biggest task in years ... to defeat New Zealand and continue the long road to America '94. We wish Paul Wade and his players all the best.

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AC Milan headed Down Under

The world's greatest and richest club side is coming to Australia this month to play the Socceroos twice. The matches, to be televised by SBS (but not in the state of origin), are scheduled for Wednesday June 16 and Thursday June 17. AC Milan's regular 24-man squad is worth more than \$200 million and boasts 18 Italian and six foreign internationals. Imagine watching Dutch trio Marco Van Basten, Frank Rijkaard and Ruud Gullit live in Australia. It's a chance of a lifetime to see some of the world's greatest players.

Thought for the day

As long as Italians play Greeks and Croats play Yugoslavs, soccer is only destined to struggle along. Already today the Australian public is not interested in these matters and without

young Australian support soccer cannot exist. Soccer needs those juniors and it should be kept well in mind that, with the juniors, lies the future; not with political jealousies and personal ambitions. Soccer will one day be the number one sport in Australia, because Australians appreciate good sport and sportsmanship.

Top job for Joeys

Australia's Under-17 team, the Joeys, face a tough battle to emulate the successes of previous national youth teams at world finals. The Joeys travel to Japan in August for the world under-17 championship but have drawn a tough group. They are in Group C with Argentina, Canada and Nigeria. Japan plays defending champion Ghana in the opening game in Tokyo on August 21. Full story Page 39.

Soccer's leading ladies

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, which is why we thought you deserved a sneak preview of next month's special feature in SOCCER AUSTRALIA. Our women soccer players are often in the shadows of the more publicised men, but not any more. We caught up with Marconi ladies skipper Kylie Fardell (right) working out at the gymnasium recently. We thought you would be very interested in what our photography revealed. A special dossier on Women in Soccer - the problems the sport has and where its future lies - appears next month ... with plenty of great photographs. Don't miss it. Turn to Page 33 to subscribe now.

NED STRIKES - AGAIN

Success does breed success, as Socceroo superstar Ned Zelic continues to discover. Zelic has signed an exclusive contract with NIKE Australia joining up with the company's big name stars Paolo Maldini (AC Milan and Italy), Eric Cantona (Manchester United and France) and Ian Rush (Liverpool and Wales).





DARE TO BE DIFFERENT!



Johnny
WARREN

SECRETS OF THEIR SUCCESS

The news that Brazil's World Cup winning Futsal or Indoor

Soccer team will play seven matches in Australia in July is of immense benefits to the Australian game.

Having visited Brazil on nine occasions since 1984 it is my firm belief that Futsal is one of the main reasons for the unchallenged technical skills of Brazilian players.

Like Brazil's game or not, few can doubt that their players have the finest "touch" in the world.

That it stems from Futsal, is a view supported by all the leading coaches and football educators in Brazil.

Unlike Australia, Brazilian youngsters don't enjoy the 'luxury' of grassed playing fields.

At best the kids make do with the beach, the side street or any open space. The schools and the clubs have smaller fields which double as a basketball court, a volleyball court or a tennis court, with two smaller goals, a smaller yet harder ball which doesn't bounce everyone plays futsal or more correctly "court soccer" on gravel surfaces in parks, beach front lots, schools and youth clubs.

I went to Brazil for the first time in 1984 to spend three months with the world famous Flamengo Club to find the real reason for Brazil's tradition of produc-

ing players of the highest technical skills.

I came back with the answer – all kids are brought up on it from Zico to Rivelino to Gian one of the stars of the recent World Youth Championship in Australia.

As the ball doesn't bounce in Futsal, youngsters are not, like in Australia trying to continuously control a bouncing ball.

They have time to look what they are going to do with it and as a result develop vision and head up type of running with the ball from the earliest of years.

The harder ball also means the correct kicking technique is learnt from the first years.

But it is in control and dribbling where Futsal comes of age. The sole of the foot is always used, dragging the ball sideways, forwards and backwards.

The limited space is the school where the Brazilians have to improvise in the tiniest of areas. No one teaches the Cate's HOW TO DRIBBLE ... the game makes it essential that they have to find solutions using their own imagination. The fine Brazilian art of protecting the ball also comes from Futsal. The smaller area means players are continuously being challenged for the ball. World Cup winning coach Tako Araujo will lead both the men's and women's teams to Australia in July for seven matches against our respective national teams and state teams.

It is a glorious opportunity for Australian outdoor coaches, players and fans to see the world's best and at the same time see what I believe is the greatest coaching aid in the development of better skilled outdoor players. For more details, phone the Australian Futsal Federation on (02) 771 1677.



Zambia's soccer team ... a tragic loss.

A LOSS FOR WORLD SOCCER

Like the rest of the sporting world I was shocked at the Zambia's national team air tragedy which took the lives of many of Zambia's finest footballers. It was even more horrific for me having met their President coach and players during the African Nations Cup in Senegal in January 1992. His Zambian team were available to play in Australia next January. Zambia, whose greatest international moment of glory was in hammering Italy in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, were one of the finest national teams in Africa and were favoured to win one of the three spots from African continent for the World Cup in the USA next year.

CCSL TOP SIX CHAMPIONSHIP REVIEW

The legendary Frank Arok has Marconi Fairfield back in the spotlight. ROD BOWLES takes a look at the CCSL's new champions...

Triumph turned into tragedy, the crowds voted against the top six system and, dare we say it, a new Marconi Fairfield dynasty was born as the Coca-Cola Soccer League season thundered to a grand finish in May.

South Melbourne, polished and controlled as long-time league leader, crashed when it counted most and became only the second minor premiership-winning team to bow out of contention before the Grand Final in CCSL history.

Fans voted against the top six system, with just over 60,000 attending the nine game play-off series which produced the worst finals crowd average (6748) since 1986.

And the Grand Final crowd of 13,376 at Parramatta for the league's gala event was the lowest attendance at the big game for seven years.

The second leg Elimination Final between Parramatta and Wollongong drew the single lowest crowd in CCSL finals history!

Not that it mattered to Marconi Fairfield, a side rebuilt in just 13 months under legendary former Socceroo and St George boss, Frank Arok.

Arok's young turks helped set one of three finals goal-scoring records on their way to the club's fourth CCSL title when they demolished and demoralised South Melbourne 7-0 in the second leg of the Major Semi Final.

That 7-0 result - a CCSL all-time finals record - set the Fairfielders up for a home town Grand Final in the city where they'd not lost a game all summer.

The slightly arrogant, very young and skilled Marconi machine blitzed its way through the finals after finishing runner-up in the league race with the league's top goal-getting combination.

By the time Adelaide City had crawled into the big game by the hardest road possible for the second year in succes-

sion - walking over the convulsing body of South Melbourne in the process - Marconi was primed for victory.

It took a couple of controversial refereeing decisions to turn the Grand Final in Marconi's favour, but the Fairfield faithful rejoiced regardless as Andy Harper's 52nd minute penalty took the champions trophy back to Bossley Park for the first time since 1989.

Adelaide City was courageous in its defence of the trophy, South Melbourne blew its chances thanks to a combination of indifferent form, a huge injury list and some stiff luck.

Wollongong City managed a play-off win but fell to the might of Adelaide City, West Adelaide almost pulled off an early shock but went out in a thrilling local derby and the Parramatta Eagles got their second taste of finals action.

Legends were made and memories will be savoured.

ALL HAIL

Here is the week-by-week story of the 1992/93 finals series.

ELIMINATION and MAJOR SEMI FINALS (FINALS WEEK 1)

FIRST ELIMINATION FINAL - 1ST LEG

Date: 25/4/93

Result: Adelaide City 0 - West Adelaide 1

Venue: Adelaide Oval

Scorers: Iriate 49m (WA)

Bookings: Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Mori and Csoboth (A); Iriate, McPherson, Blair, Tibaldi, Hooker and Mills (WA)

Referee: R.Lorenc

Crowd: 7815

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Tobin, Vidmar, Melta (Mullen 75), Talladira, Mori, Csoboth, Veart, Barbaro (Maxwell 62)

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Blair, Tibaldi, Slager, Hooker, Mills, Iriate,



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Marconi on the way to victory ... keeper Mark Schwartz blocks out Damien Mori.

Adelaide a win in a physical and fiery clash. Ten players were booked as the Sharks reversed a four game losing streak against their oldest CCSL rivals.

SECOND ELIMINATION FINAL - 1ST LEG

Date: 25/4/93
Result: Wollongong City 3 - Parramatta Eagles 0
Venue: Brandon Park
Scorers: O'Shea 3, Wheatley own goal 70 and Yankos 81 (W)
Bookings: Green and Smith (W); Mendez (PE)
Send-offs: White 89 (W); O'Donnell 59 and Cianter 89 (PE)
Referee: E. Brazzale Crowd: 4013

ful", as the Eagles were crushed by the Wolves in the first finals match ever played at Brandon Park. Mike O'Shea's third minute match opener set the scene for an easy Wollongong victory in yet another fiery opening round final. A finals record three players were sent off in this match, Eagles' stars Scott O'Donnell and Adam Cianter, as well as Wollongong striker Dale White.

MAJOR SEMI FINAL - 1ST LEG

Date: 25/4/93
Result: South Melbourne 0 - Marconi Fairfield 1
Venue: Olympic Park
Scorers: Corica 67 (M)
Bookings: Petersen, Boutsianis, Tasios, Micheil and Hasler (SM); Taliadoros, Corica and de Marigny (M)
Referee: G. Dunster Crowd: 8291
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Micheil, Durakovic, Blair, Tasios, Petersen (Hasler 13), Trimboli, Boutsianis (Healy 55), Awaritefe, Tsolakis
MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski, de Marigny, Bingley, Kuleski, Johnson, Taliadoros, Corica, Harper, van Egmond, Talay

• South Melbourne's month of misery commenced at the hands of Marconi as the Fairfielders set the pace for the premiership.

Marconi hit the woodwork twice in a spirited opening against a South Melbourne camp which had been rocked by a virus mid-week and had lost international midfielders Paul Wade and Mike Petersen in the lead-up. Matt Bingley starred for Marconi and speedster Steve Corica set himself up for a brilliant finals series with the only goal of the game in the 67th minute - with a shot he later admitted he had mis-hit.

Cerro (Brazzale 6), Gimenez, Lazaridis, Brown (Briscoe 78)

• West Adelaide, appearing in its first post-season game for 15 years, won its first ever finals game with a 1-0 upset over title-holders Adelaide City at the picturesque Adelaide Oval. Normally the home of Test cricket in SA, the ground rocked to the cheers of Shark supporters as a deflected Jose Iriarte goal just after half time gave West

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, McFadden (Boniteg 28), White (sent off 89), Lloyd, Smith, Freestone (Bard 65), Horsley
PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Souris, O'Donnell (sent off 59), Gomez, Cianter (sent off 89), Mendez, Genc, Wheatley, Soper, Reda, G. Gunning
• Parramatta skipper Robbie Wheatley branded his team's effort in the opener at Wollongong "disgrace-

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ELIMINATION FINALS (FINALS MID WEEK)

FIRST ELIMINATION FINAL - 2ND LEG

Date: 28/4/93

Result: West Adelaide 1 - Adelaide City 2 (Aggregate score 2-2, with Adelaide City advancing on away goals rule)

Venue: Football Park

Scorers: Heirn 87(WA); Maxwell 39 and 75(A)

Bookings: Brazzale (WA); Mullen (A)

Referee: R.Davies Crowd: 8306

WEST ADELAIDE: McPherson, Blair,

Tibaldi, Slager, Hooker, Mills (Hiern

58), Iriate (Tsekinis 72), Gimenez,

Lazaridis, Brazzale, Brown

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Vidmar,

Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira (Csoboth 77),

Mori, Veart, Mullen, Maxwell (Barbaro

79), Melta

• Adelaide City started the wind-up towards a genuine back-to-back title bid as it reversed the result of the Elimination Final opening leg and took the tie overall on the away goals ruling. SA's Aussie rules home at Football Park provided a curious setting for soccer (Hindmarsh Stadium was unavailable during the play-off series), but the 8306 crowd at the 45,000 capacity stadium was an Elimination Final record, the only crowd record set during the finals. Sharks coach Raul Blanco predicted City would get to the Grand Final after his side was sunk by a couple of goals from veteran Steve Maxwell.

SECOND ELIMINATION FINAL - 2ND LEG

Date: 28/4/93

Result: Parramatta Eagles 2 - Wollongong City 1 (Wollongong wins 4-2 on aggregate)

Venue: Parramatta Stadium

Scorers: Mendez 30 and Soper 92 (PE); Horsley 52 (W)

Bookings: Falzon, Mendez, Genc and

Soper (PE); O'Shea and Bard (W)

Referee: P.Spiers Crowd: 1602

PARRAMATTA: P.Gunning, Souris,

Falzon, Gomez, G.Gunning, Medez,

Reda, Genc, Soper, Lowe, Foster

(Adioski 63 - replaced by

Haythornthwaite 91)

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Foreshaw (Troth 78), Yankos, O'Shea, Bourke, Green, Horsley, Lloyd, Bard (Dimoski 67), Boniteg, Smith

* Parramatta did its best to fight back against a losing cause, but clearly Eagles' fans didn't show much faith as they stayed away in droves. Parramatta Stadium looked empty as just 1602 fans turned out for the return clash between Wollongong and Parramatta, the lowest finals attendance in the history of the CCSL. A withering first half capped by a Gabriel Mendez goal gave the Eagles hope, but Matt Horsley's equaliser just after the break ended the fightback. Marshall Soper's late goal for Parramatta was his seventh in CCSL finals games, an all-time record.

MAJOR AND MINOR SEMI FINALS (FINALS WEEK 2)

MINOR SEMI FINAL

Date: 2/5/93

Result: Adelaide City 4 - Wollongong City 0

Venue: Adelaide Oval

Scorers: Veart 2 and 77, Mori 59 and Maxwell 70 (A)

Bookings: Shillabeer and Maxwell (A)

Referee: E.Brazzale Crowd: 4889

ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Vidmar

(Aloisi 80), Tobin, Ivanovic, Melta,

Mullen (Csoboth 73), Mori, Talladira,

Maxwell, Veart

WOLLONGONG: Hughes, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley (Bard 80), White, Lloyd, Smith, Dimoski, Boniteg

• Adelaide City's championship machine rolled ominously towards another Grand Final with a Minor Semi Final record 4-0 victory over disappointing Wollongong City. Hitting form similar to his 1991/92 finals heroics, Adelaide City striker Carl Veart struck twice - his first coming less than two minutes into the game - to set the Zebras rolling towards Melbourne and a third Preliminary Final in as many seasons.

MAJOR SEMI FINAL - 2ND LEG

Date: 2/5/93

Result: Marconi Fairfield 7 - South Melbourne 0 (Marconi wins 8-0 on aggregate)



Kimon Taliadoros found the times in the Grand

Venue: Parramatta Stadium

Scorers: Harper 7 and 34, de Marigny 9, Taliadoros 59, van Egmond 68, Johnson 81 and Kuleski 85 (M)

Bookings: Bingley and Johnson (M); Tsolakis (SM)

Referee: R.Davies Crowd: 6177

MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski, de

Marigny (Calderan 77), Bingley,

Kuleski, Pelucchi, Taliadoros, Corica

(Johnson 72), Harper, van Egmond,

Talay

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis,

Muscat, Micheil, Durakovic (Healy 77),

Tasios, Trimboli, Boutsianis (Verikakis

HT), Awaritefe, Tsolakis, Hasler, Blair

• In what the South Melbourne faithful have claimed was the blackest day in club history, mighty Marconi smashed two significant records as the Fairfield



machine cemented a Grand Final berth and home city advantage with a 7-0 victory. Steve Corica was the destroyer early as Marconi set up its mammoth win with two goals inside the opening ten minutes. The result was a record score for any of the 107 games played in CCSL post-season history and the defeat was South Melbourne's heaviest in 507 league, cup and finals matches played by the club since the league started in 1977. The Blues injury crisis worsened as Con Boutsianis couldn't appear after half time and an ugly shirt-front by Glenn Johnson on Mehmet Durakovic put the South star out of action.

PRELIMINARY FINAL (FINALS WEEK 3)

Match: Preliminary Final
Date: 9/5/93
Result: South Melbourne 1 - Adelaide City 3
Venue: Olympic Park
Scorers: Awaritefe 87 (SM); Melta 3, Mori 26 and 74 (A)
Bookings: Healy, Muscat, Durakovic and Hasler (SM); Tobin and Talladira (A)
Send-offs: Hasler 90 (SM)
Referee: R. Lorenc Crowd: 6262
SOUTH MELBOURNE: Anastasiadis, Muscat, Healy, Durakovic, Wade, Wright, Tasios, Tsolakis, Trimboli (Micheil 56), Hasler (sent off 90), Awaritefe
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Brooks, Vidmar,

Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori (Barbaro 77), Veart, Melta, Maxwell, Mullen (Csoboth 85)
• For the third successive year it was a South Melbourne - Adelaide City match-up in the penultimate game of the season, and for the second successive year Zoran Matic's side had the measure of the Blues when it counted. Beaten, dispirited and demoralised, the Blues recalled Danny Wright and David Healy after long absences, Paul Wade dragged himself from his sick bed to play and Mehmet Durakovic, still feeling the effects of concussion, did his best to hold back the tide. But an early Serg Melta goal stung the Blues and Adelaide City's former South Melbourne player, Damien Mori, struck a double - the second of which was a finals classic - to sink his old club. Mind you, it might have been different had the most controversial decision of the season not cost Souths an equaliser in the early going. Paul Trimboli, injured in the incident and later taken from the field with his arm in a sling, was crash tackled by Adelaide 'keeper Robbie Zabica as they went one-on-one in the box, with even Zabica later conceding the validity of the claims for what appeared a clear penalty. Referee Lorenc, unsighted, denied the penalty call after consulting his linesman and probably dashed South's hopes in the process.

GRAND FINAL (FINALS WEEK 4)

Date: 16/5/93
Result: Marconi Fairfield 1 - Adelaide City 0
Venue: Parramatta Stadium
Scorers: Harper pen. 52 (M)
Bookings: Talladira and Vidmar (A)
Referee: J. Fraser Crowd: 13376
MARCONI: Schwarzer, Jolevski, de Marigny, Bingley, Gray, Kuleski (Talay 89), Pelucchi, Taliadoros (Johnson 85), Corica, Harper, van Egmond
ADELAIDE: Zabica, Shillabeer, Vidmar, Ivanovic, Tobin, Talladira, Mori, Veart, Melta, Maxwell, Mullen (Csoboth 80)
MARSTON MEDAL WINNER: Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City)

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

In the end it came down to a showdown in Sydney between the reigning top dog chasing back-to-back triumphs - Adelaide City - against a rebuilt Marconi team attempting to equal Sydney City's record four CCSL title wins.

The match itself was a fizzer and it seemed the Sydney fans had already predicted it might be, with less than 13,500 turning out at Parramatta in what was the lowest Grand Final crowd since 1986.

After playing a couple of epics in the home-and-away series (Marconi had scored 4-3 and 5-3 wins over the SA's in the regular season), the biggest game on 1992/93 domestic calendar ended in disappointing fashion, the only goal of the game a disputed penalty coming 52 minutes in as a falling Joe Mullen was ruled to have 'legged' Marconi's Steve Corica as they tussled near the goal line.

Andy Harper put the spot kick away, leaving Zoran Matic fuming at what he considered a "trivial" decision. For Adelaide City's ashen-faced boss it was a case of what goes around, comes around, his side having had the advantage of a hotly-disputed penalty ruling seven days beforehand.

Adelaide City looked the more composed team on the day, Marconi, which had dropped 17 year-old sensation Ufuk Talay to allow the return of Grand Final veteran and club skipper Ian Gray, conceding ground for much of the day.

Magnificent Milan Ivanovic was named Marston Medal winner for best on ground, but his best efforts were not enough to stop the Fairfield juggernaut clinching an emotional championship win for former long-time Soccerroo coach Frank Arok.

If nothing else, the Fairfielders proved enterprising football does win championships, Marconi having crashed home 78 goals in 33 league, cup and finals games in 1992/93.

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BOUND FOR USA



They did it to us in 1981 and again in 1989. There isn't an official or follower in Australia who is not wary of the fact that they might do it again this year. RAY GATT of The Australian reports

Yes, it is World Cup qualifying time again, and yes, you can almost hear the cockiness in the voices and see the rubbing of hands as the Kiwis eagerly await another crack at the Socceroos in the second leg of the Oceania qualifier at Olympic Park, Melbourne today.

Sorry about the pun, but the New Zealanders will be looking to the match as a sort of lambs to the slaughter. And they have every right.

The history books show that our friends from across the Tasman have not been too kind to us when it comes to soccer - or most other sports for that matter, including cricket, hockey and rugby league. Indeed, few in Australian soccer relish facing the Kiwis, who have a nasty habit of inflicting cruel and demoralising defeats on us.

Will we ever forget 1981 when they beat the Socceroos 2-0 at the famous Sydney Cricket Ground, knocking us out of the 1982 World Cup and, at the same time, ending the reign of the controversial Rudi Gutendorf.

They followed that victory with a similar act against Frank Arok's Socceroos in 1989. The 2-0 demolition of the Australians at Mt Smart Stadium in Auckland was not a pretty sight.

Australia failed to make it to Italia '90 and Arok was subsequently dumped.

It matters not where the Kiwis play us or whether it is a World

... but beware the Kiwis

Cup qualifier or friendly ... they always give us hell.

Gutendorf's successor, Les Scheinflug knows only too well about the Kiwi curse. He lost two friendlies in 1983 and subsequently lost the Australian job to Arok.

So, the All Whites have knocked us out of two of the last three World Cup campaigns and ended the careers of coaches Gutendorf, Arok and Scheinflug.

Will they add the 1993 Coca-Cola Socceroos and coach Eddie Thomson to the impressive statistics? Not if Thomson has anything to do with it. He realises the mistakes of the past. Too often we have treated our neighbours with disrespect and disdain believing our footballing pedigree and sophistication to be far superior to the New Zealanders.

This time the ever wary Thomson is not prepared to fall for the same trap as his predecessors. The Coca-Cola Socceroos are better prepared and suitably pumped up ... and they will have some extra help. That help comes in the form of



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Australian Soccer Federation welcomes the New Zealand National team and officials to Australia and wishes to publicly thank the New Zealand Football Association for the hospitality shown to the Coca-Cola Socceroos and our officials during their recent visit to New Zealand.

The Coca-Cola Socceroo's path to the World Cup Finals in the USA in 1994 is not an easy one. However, if they can show the same determination and dedication that we have seen from our other three National teams over the past two years, then we have every chance of reaching the finals for the first time since 1974.

Unfortunately, along the way to the finals, it will be necessary to put aside strong friendships during the competition as places are scarce and need to be fought for in earnest.

We have not seen the Coca-Cola Socceroos play as a team in Australia since the first part of the Oceania Qualification Tournament in September 1992, over eight (8) months ago.

For this series against New Zealand, the team has been strengthened by the inclusion of nine overseas based players - an indication of the seriousness and importance being placed by the Australian Soccer Federation on these matches and the World Cup itself. Australian Soccer cannot afford to be eliminated at the first major hurdle.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all the Coca-Cola Socceroo Supporters that have come out in force for the many National team matches played recently proving to the few remaining knockers that Australian Soccer is not only just here to stay but will continue to grow from strength to strength.

John Constantine AM, OAM
CHAIRMAN, ASF

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a solid core of our best overseas-based players who have been enticed back for the two match home and away series.

The heavy artillery consists of Frank Farina (Strasbourg), Graham Arnold (FC Liege), Domenic Longo (Cercie Brugge), Robbie Slater (Lens), Mark Bosnich (Aston Villa), Vlado Bozinovski (Tpswich), Aurelio Vidmar (Waregem), Jason van Vlerk (Go Ahead Eagles), Milan Blagojevic (Ekeren), and, of course, Ned Zelic (Borussia Dortmund).

It is a suitably impressive array of talent and shows just how serious the Australian Soccer Federation and Thomson have viewed the New Zealand matches.

There'll be no mucking around and no treating the Kiwis as second class citizens.

The All Whites have called on their own overseas-based players, like the brilliant Wynton Rufer (Werder Bremen), and big striker Fred De Jong (formerly from Marconi-Fairfield but now playing in Holland). They are going to make the lives of the Coca-Cola Socceroos a misery.

So, what can we expect from Australia? Certainly, the lessons of 1981 and 1989 will not be forgotten. They were bitter and hard pills to swallow, but they have only served to intensify the will and desire of the 1993 Socceroos. One man who has faced the bitterness of a Kiwi defeat is Belgium-based Graham Arnold - an Aussie out of the old mould.

He was in the side beaten 2-0 at Mt Smart Stadium and there was no more shattered man than the man they call "Arnie". My recollection of Arnold's face, buried in his hands in the dressing rooms after the defeat, will live with me for a long time.

Arnold, more than anyone, is determined to exact revenge, something he has been looking forward to for the past four years.

"That was a disastrous day," Arnold recalled. "Nothing we did went right.

BEWARE THE KIWIS



Domenic Longo ... part of Australia's "heavy artillery".

from the '89 squad. In defence, we are in good hands, with ever-reliable Alex Tobin and Belgium-based Domenic Longo making up a strong central defensive pairing. We have speed, skill and strength to burn at fullback with van Blerk,

Blagojevic, Mehmet Durakovic, who might also be used as a centre back and the impressive Stan Lazaridis, who only recently broke into the senior squad. And what about Zelic? Provided his hamstring injury is okay, Australians will finally get to see the man who has almost single-handedly put Australian soccer on the map.

We are indeed lucky to have quality sweepers like Zelic and Adelaide City's cultured Milan Ivanovic, who is undoubtedly the gentleman of Australian soccer.

So, we have what many regard as our best ever squad. But, can they beat the dreaded Kiwi Curse?

Of course, time will tell.

But if courage, determination and spirit has anything to do with it, Eddie Thomson's 1993 Coca-Cola Socceroos are ready to lay a few ghosts to rest.

"The Kiwis were very determined from the start.

"The big problem was that we probably thought we only had to walk on to the field to win. Boy, we got a rude shock.

"After the match our dressing room was like a morgue. No-one could believe what had happened. We saw our World Cup dreams slip away."

Arnold will have the job of facing up to the big, strong and never-say-die New Zealand defence, led by Ceri Evans. As always, "Arnie" will relish the job.

But he'll get good support from a well-balanced and potent midfield made up of captain Paul Wade and the overseas trio of Vidmar, Slater and Farina.

I'm interested in seeing just how much Slater has developed since he linked with Lens in France. Slater also played in the 2-0 loss in 1989. Slater, Arnold, Wade and Tobin are the only survivors



COCA-COLA SOCCEROOS

6

WADE, Paul
D.O.B: 20.3.63

Ht: 181cm Wt: 72kg
Position: Midfielder
South Melbourne
Total Appearances: 80
"A" Internationals: 59
Born in England, Paul arrived in Australia as an 11-year-old. Played for several Victorian clubs before joining CCSL club South Melbourne. He first appeared for Australia in 1986 against China and has since represented his country 80 times, making him the highest capped Australian player in this squad. Captain of the Coca-Cola Socceroos.



5

TOBIN, Alex
D.O.B: 5.4.66

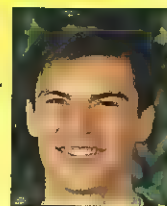
Ht: 190cm Wt: 80kg
Position: Midfielder
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 42
"A" Internationals: 29
Played junior soccer for Birkalla in South Australia then signed for Coca-Cola Soccer League club Adelaide City in 1984 when he was competing for a spot in the Young Socceroos side. Alex made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos as a substitute against IFK Gottenburg in January 1986.



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BLAGOJEVIC, Milan
D.O.B: 24.12.69

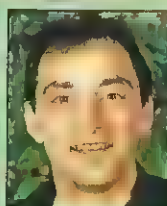
Ht: 183cm Wt: 80kg
Position: Defender/Midfielder
Germinal Ekeren (Belgium)
Total Appearances: 8
"A" Internationals: 5
A graduate from Apia Leichhardt, he first broke into international prominence being a squad member for the Coca-Cola Socceroos game against England in June 1991 and later represented his country as a substitute in the President's Cup matches in South Korea in June 1991.



18

ZABICA, Robert
D.O.B: 9.4.64

Ht: 185cm Wt: 92kg
Position: Goalkeeper
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 29
"A" Internationals: 22
Played in Perth prior to joining Coca-Cola Soccer League club, Adelaide City in 1988. He represented South Australia in 1990 and 1991 and made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in February 1990 against Moscow Torpedo in Melbourne, where he kept a clean sheet with the Coca-Cola Socceroos winning 3-0.



21

POLAK, Jason
D.O.B: 9.1.68

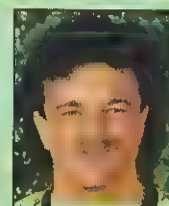
Ht: 179cm Wt: 78kg
Position: Midfielder
Newcastle BHP Breakers
Total Appearances: 7
"A" Internationals: 5
Former Coca-Cola Young Socceroo who started in the World Youth Championships in Chile, 1987. Played with CCSL club Sydney Olympic in 1988 and 1989 before moving overseas and eventually playing with Dutch 1st division club, De Graafschap. Returned to play with Newcastle for the 1992-93 season. First Socceroo cap was against Fiji in 1988.



9

ARNOLD, Graham
D.O.B: 3.8.63

Ht: 184cm Wt: 87kg
Position: Striker
R C Liegeois
Total Appearances: 63
"A" Internationals: 38
Played with CCSL club Sydney CSC before moving to Dutch 1st Division club, Roda JC where he completed two seasons before moving to RC Liegeois. Made his Coca-Cola Socceroo debut against Red Star in 1985. Graham scored over 50 goals in 5 seasons with Sydney CSC. Has scored 27 goals for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in his 63 appearances.



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IVANOVIC, Milan
D.O.B: 21.12.68

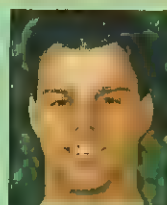
Ht: 187cm Wt: 80kg
Position: Sweeper
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 20
"A" Internationals: 18
Played in the Yugoslav 1st Division with OFK Belgrade then transferred to Red Star Belgrade where he played for 4 years before moving to Australia to play with Coca-Cola Soccer League club Adelaide City for a record transfer fee of \$50,000. First represented the Coca-Cola Socceroos in January 1991 against Czechoslovakia in Melbourne.



10

VAN BLERK, Jason
D.O.B: 16.3.68

Ht: 186cm Wt: 76kg
Position: Midfielder SC
Go Ahead Eagles (Holland)
Total Appearances: 13
"A" Internationals: 13
Progressed from NSW Under-14 representative to National level and represented the Coca-Cola Socceroos in their tour of Indonesia and the President's Cup in Korea. Jason made his first appearance for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in Jakarta against Indonesia B where he scored two goals in their 7-0 victory.



17

BOZINOSKI, Vlado
D.O.B: 30.3.64

Ht: 178cm Wt: 75kg
Position: Fullback/Midfielder
Ipswich Town (England)
Total Appearances: 9
"A" Internationals: 7
Plays for Ipswich Town in the English Premier League. Vlado's first appearance for the Coca-Cola Socceroos was as a substitute against the stylish Brazilian team in July, 1988. Scored a goal in the Coca-Cola Socceroos memorable 4-1 win over Argentina in the Bicentennial Gold Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium in 1988.



4

ZELIC, Ned
D.O.B: 4.7.71

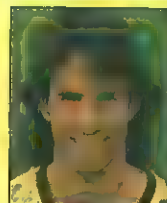
Ht: 185cm Wt: 81kg
Position: Defender
Borussia Dortmund (Germany)
Total Appearances: 13
"A" Internationals: 8
A graduate of the AIS he has from the Australian Youth team to Captain of the Coca-Cola Olyroos. Many will remember Ned from his glorious goal against the Netherlands, which Australia qualified for the 1992 Olympics. Ned made his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in February '91 when he came on as a substitute against Czechoslovakia.



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VIDMAR, Aurelio
D.O.B: 3.2.67

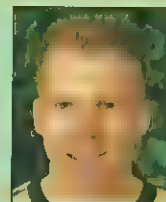
Ht: 180cm Wt: 72kg
Position: Midfielder SV
Waregem (Belgium)
Total Appearances: 14
"A" Internationals: 8
Older brother of Tony Vidmar, Aurelio also played with CCSL club Adelaide City before moving to Belgium to play with 1st Division Club Kortrijk. Has since signed for another Belgium Club, SV Waregem. Aurelio made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos, celebrating his 21st Birthday, against Dynamo Zagreb on 3.2.88 in Melbourne.



11

SLATER, Robble
D.O.B: 22.11.64

Ht: 179cm Wt: 82kg
Position: Striker
RC Lens (France)
Total Appearances: 13
"A" Internationals: 7
Made his debut in the Coca-Cola Soccer League at the age of 17 with St. George where he stayed for 4 years before moving to Sydney CSC in 1987. He then moved to French 1st Division club, R.C. Lens, where he has just completed his 2nd season. He made his debut as a Coca-Cola Socceroo against Glasgow Rangers in 1984.





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7

FARINA, Frank
D.O.B: 5.9.64

Ht: 178cm Wt: 78kg
Position: Striker R C
Strasbourg (France)
Total Appearances: 62
"A" Internationals: 32
A graduate from the AIS, Frank started with Canberra Arrows before moving to Sydney City in 1984 then to CCSL club Marconi in 1987. In 1988 he was signed by Belgian 1st Division giants, Club Brugge, and sold to Italian 1st Division side, Bari the following season. Frank's debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos was when he came on as a substitute against Nottingham Forest in May.



13

DURAKOVIC, Mehmet
D.O.B: 13.10.65

Ht: 178cm Wt: 72kg
Position: Defender
South Melbourne
Total Appearances: 32
"A" Internationals: 23
Moved from Melbourne J.U.S.T. to CCSL Club South Melbourne, in 1989. Made his debut as a substitute for the Coca-Cola Socceroos against Moscow Torpedo in February 1990. Played against England in 1991 and in four (4) President's Cup matches in Korea in 1991. Has been a regular in Eddie Thomson's Coca-Cola Socceroo line-up since.



15

15: VEART, Carl
D.O.B: 21.5.70

Ht: 184cm Wt: 77kg
Position: Striker
Adelaide City
Total Appearances: 6
"A" Internationals: 6
First played senior soccer for South Australian side Salisbury United in 1986. Played both Under 19's and seniors with South Australia before his selection with the Coca-Cola Olyroos for Barcelona. Scored a goal on his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in a World Cup qualifier against the Solomon Islands in September 1992.



16

CORICA, Steve
D.O.B: 24.3.73

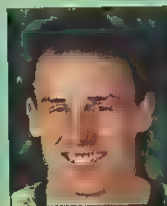
Ht: 177cm Wt: 74kg
Position: Striker,
Marconi-Fairfield
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: 2
Steve is an exciting young Coca-Cola Socceroo star. Originally from Innisfail in Far North Queensland, Steve played for Queensland representative squads and then graduated to the Australian Schoolboys, the Coca-Cola Joeys, the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos, the Coca-Cola Olyroos and now the Coca-Cola Socceroos. The only player to have achieved this honour.



3

LONGO, Domenic
D.O.B: 23.8.70

Ht: 184cm Wt: 84kg
Position: Defender
Cercle Brugge (Belgium)
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: -
Originally from Tasmania, Dominic won a scholarship to the AIS. He won selection to the Australian Coca-Cola Joeys, Coca-Cola Young Socceroos and then the Coca-Cola Olyroos. His career was temporarily halted after a knee operation in 1989. Dominic made his debut for the Coca-Cola Socceroos in their European tour playing against FC Twente in November 1992.



EDDIE THOMSON
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COACH

D.O.B: 25/2/1947
Playing Career: Scottish Premier Division: Heart of Midlothian - 7 years
Aberdeen - 5 years
North American Soccer League: San Antonio Thunder - 1 year
Australia: Sydney City - 3 years
Scottish Under 23 International
Coaching Career
Sydney City - Manager Coach - 7 years
Sydney Olympic - Manager-Coach - 3 years
Australian Staff Coach
Scottish FA - Full Badge Holder
FIFA Coach
National Director of Coaching - 1 year
Coaching Honours - Club
Sydney City - won every honour in NSL
Australian Coach of Year - 1981, 1984, 1985
Sydney Olympic - Grand Finalists and NSL Cup Finalists - 1989
Coaching Honours - International
Assistant National Coach - 5 years
National Coach - 1990



19

TRIMBOLI, Paul
D.O.B: 25.2.69

Ht: 177cm Wt: 85kg
Position: Striker
South Melbourne
Total Appearances: 14
"A" Internationals: 9
A scholarship holder at the Australian Institute of Sport, Paul represented the Coca-Cola Joeys as well as the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos. Made his debut with the Coca-Cola Socceroos in 1988, against Fiji. First played in the Coca-Cola Soccer League with Sunshine George Cross before joining his current club South Melbourne.



14

LAZARIDIS, Stan
D.O.B: 15.8.72

Ht: 180cm Wt: 75kg
Position: Defender
West Adelaide
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: 2
Stan, who is originally from Perth, is playing for the Perth Italia club and studying to be a Physical Education teacher. He recently moved to West Adelaide after starring for the Western Australian state team and has had a meteoric rise to Coca-Cola Socceroo level.



LES SCHEINFLUG
AUSTRALIAN YOUTH (U/20) COACH

D.O.B: 1/10/1938
Playing Career
Sydney FC Prague, 1957-1968
Marconi Fairfield, 1969-1970 (Player-Coach)
Coaching Career
Assistant National Coach - World Cup Finals 1974
Assistant National Coach - 1979-81
National Coach - 1981-1984
Youth Team Coach - 1981-1983, 1986-1989
Assistant National Coach - 1990
Coaching Honours - International
World Youth Championships Quarter Finalists - Australia 1981
Finals Series Mexico 1983
Finals Series Chile 1987
Qualification Series Play-offs v Syria, Qatar and New Zealand 1989
Quarter Finalists - U/17 Joeys FIFA/JVC World Cup - Italy 1991
Quarter Finalists - World Youth Championships - Australia 1993
Oceania Winners - Qualifications for the FIFA/JVC World Cup - Japan 1993



20

MILOSEVIC, Branko
D.O.B: 21.8.64

Ht: 177cm Wt: 85kg
Position: Midfield
Sydney Olympic
Total Appearances: 11
"A" Internationals: 8
Started as a junior with Olimpia Osijek in the Croatian 2nd Division. Moved to Germany to play for Ulm in the Bundesliga 2nd Division in 85-86, scoring 10 goals as an attacking midfielder. Came to Australia in 1987 and played for CCSL club Melbourne CSC. Branko made his first Coca-Cola Socceroo appearance as a substitute in 1990 against South Korea.



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BOSNICH, Mark
D.O.B: 13.1.72

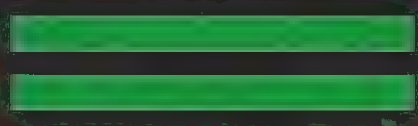
Ht: 183cm Wt: 85kg
Position: Goalkeeper
Aston Villa (England)
Total Appearances: 2
"A" Internationals: -
Won the Mastercard Award for his performance in the 1991 World Youth Championships in Portugal. Originally played with Sydney CSC. Served an apprenticeship with Manchester United before signing with Aston Villa in English Premier League. Member of the Coca-Cola Olympic team, Bosnich was promoted to the Coca-Cola Socceroos. Made debut as a substitute against Moscow Torpedo in January, 1990.



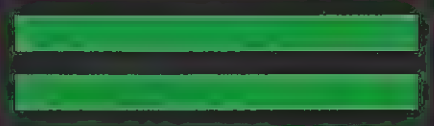


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Doug Booth takes a look at the options on team selection ...

There has been plenty of discussion in the lead-up to the two crucial qualifiers against New Zealand whether national coach Eddie Thomson is right to choose so many overseas-based players.

Will they arrive in time, will he find the correct blend, and will they be in the right physical shape after gruelling European campaigns?

The squad Thommo has named looks on paper to be the strongest-ever Coca-Cola Socceroos line-up.

My starting eleven and reasons for those players being chosen is:

Goalkeeper: Mark BOSNICH

One of the best organisers in the game. His club form with Aston Villa has been excellent and almost won an English Premier League medal within six months of becoming a first team regular. Robert Zabica's mid-season slump in the Coca-Cola Soccer League cost him his spot but he has recovered well to keep his position in the squad.

Right-back: Milan BLAGOJEVIC

Another product of the highly-successful youth team programme. A great attacker with tremendous technique and a lovely feel for the ball and its uses. His attacking flair keeps out Mehmet Durakovic who is a better defensive player and a great marker.

Sweeper: Ned ZELIC He still has to prove his fitness, but I'm sure he will, knowing Ned's passion for his country. What an amazing 12 months for last year's Australian Footballer of the Year. A good defender in the Franz Beckenbauer mould going forward, Zelic has the edge over Milan Ivanovic because of that attacking flair. A potential match-winner.

Centre-backs: Alex TOBIN and Dominic LONGO

Tobin is a no-nonsense defender who gets the job done. There's nothing flash about Alex ... he's a typical British centre-half, strong but fair and a great reader of the game. Longo provides the toughness at the back. He's as hard as nails as many of the strikers he has marked will testify. Solid



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as a rock at the back. Mehmet Durakovic once again misses out. He's quick and a great man-to-man marker who will probably play if the Coca-Cola Socceroos reach the South American play-off stage.

Left-back: Jason Van BLERK

Great overlander who runs all day and can cross the ball with precision. A steady player at the back. Van Blerk gets the nod over the less experienced Stan Lazaridis who made such an impact against Kuwait recently that Thommo compared him to Australian-born Tony Dorigo.

Wide midfield: Robbie SLATER and Frank FARINA

Two of Australia's greatest soccer exports. They have both had big seasons in France but when they pull on the green and gold ... Both like to score goals and are lightning fast down the flanks. Will cause the Kiwi defence plenty of problems. Steve Corica missed out here although, with age on his side, the talented Marconi marksman will not be waiting long.

Central midfield: Paul WADE

and Aurelio VIDMAR How can you name a Coca-Cola Socceroos team without Paul Wade. A great ball-winner, it's difficult to imagine the national team without its inspiration, its dynamo. But there has to be a question mark over his fitness after a severe bout of pneumonia effectively ruined his and South Melbourne's bid for a Coca-Cola

Soccer League title. Aurelio Vidmar has had a big year in Belgium this season and his silky skills will be invaluable in the boilerhouse. He has the flair and fitness to get forward quickly. Ipswich's Vlado Bozinoski and Branko Milosevic will provide valuable support in this key area of the park.

Striker: Graham ARNOLD Key player in the lone striker role. Holds the ball up well and scores goals - what more could a coach want. He's a great motivator and one of the characters of the squad. Wins his spot against strong opposition from Adelaide City striker Carl Veart who has had a big year and impressed in the Coca-Cola Soccer League play-offs.

GOOD MORNING MR PRESIDENT

Neville Wran may be, by the Australian Soccer Federation's own estimation, a "figurehead", but don't let that fool you. The former NSW Premier, a man whose political instincts are still held in the highest regard, will have undoubtedly a strong say in re-shaping Australian soccer - and that is great news for the game. Michael Cockerill of the Sydney Morning Herald reports

Rarely has an appointment within the hierarchy been so widely applauded as the recent decision by the ASF to create a new position - president - in order to welcome Wran on board. Officially Wran's role will be as an adviser, a roving ambassador for the game within the governmental and corporate sectors which he knows so well. Ceremonial, perhaps, but Wran has also made it abundantly clear that he will have a "hands on" brief as well. "Bear in mind I'm not becoming the supremo of soccer, as some people have put it," he says. "The president is not a substitute for the administrative role of chairman. It's very much the eminence grise. But I will make suggestions, I would expect to put a lot of ideas forward, and some of those ideas will become the policy of the federation." Day-to-day involvement may be out, then, but behind the scenes Wran will exert a huge influence over the policies of the ASF, and that is no bad thing. A long-time supporter of the game (he has often been spotted in Socceroos dressing rooms down the years), Wran finally stepped into the fray last year when he was appointed as chairman of the local organising committee for the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Championship. The enormous success of the WYC after 12

months of preparatory work is a testament to Wran's organisational skills, and of his track record of getting things done. "I've always found that success leaves a lot better taste in your mouth than failure," he says. "I'm thoroughly committed to the significance of the sport and its future."

To that end, Wran's views of the future of the Coca-Cola National League are especially relevant. While the new ASF president will not vote on how the CCSL may be re-structured ("I don't have a vote, I don't want a vote. I'm not elected, and I don't want to be elected"), his opinions should have some impact when the ASF commissioners shortly decide on the make-up of next season's competition. The push is on, certainly, to reduce the league to 10 clubs.

"The clubs are the mainstream of the sport, and while it is important to focus on the international element, it is crucial to promote the clubs," Wran agreed. "There's no doubt we are disadvantaged because our players are part-time players, and when they play for Australia they are up against full-time pros. You don't have to be a genius to work out that the full-time pros start off with a lot of advantages.

"My view is that soccer has to move

towards becoming a fully-professional sport at national league level. It's no secret fewer teams is one answer. More concentrated promotion is part of the answer, better facilities is part of the answer. There is no single answer, and anyone who thinks you can wave a magic wand and achieve it overnight is having themselves on. I'm talking about a several-year framework for full professionalism to be achieved. "But it is high on my list of priorities. Ultimately if you're going to be a pro sport, then the level of your competence depends on public support. That means better gates, more expensive sponsorships, and greater rewards for the players. In the end, the





players are the most important thing in the game, they make the game."

The general health of Australian soccer, is clearly a matter which Wran will be concerning himself with. During his extensive overseas travels, he will promote the cause at the right opportunities, including to FIFA whenever possible, but by and large his role is primarily concerned with lifting the standing and profile of the game within the shores.

"Make no mistake, soccer is one of the premier sports in this country," says Wran. "Too many people are playing it, too many people are interested in it. Because of its international flavour, provided we keep winning games,

that's where the sport is heading in terms of popularity. But like most things it won't grow by itself, somebody needs to help it. But I just happen to think that soccer is a class game, anybody who takes the trouble to watch it, to try to understand it, will see that." Ridding Australian soccer of its much-maligned "sleeping giant" tag, then, is a task which Wran plans to attack with customary fervour. The key, he believes, is marketing and promotion, an area where the game has fallen down badly so often in the past. Yet he does not concur with the common wisdom that soccer will need to woo spectators away from other sports in order to achieve its aims.

"I reject that argument," he says. "I can remember the argument about Sunday movies, the argument was that people had X amount to spend on movies, and if you put the movies on a Sunday you wouldn't expand the take, you wouldn't expand the numbers, all you would get was the same amount you were getting on six days, but it would be spread over seven days.

"In exactly the same way, if you can provide a first class sporting spectacle in comfortable surroundings, with proper promotion, then you can tap a market that is hungry.

"There is a big untouched reservoir of people out there that is available. Look at SBS. They got a ratings of 17 during the World Youth Championship their best-ever rating. And a lot of that 17 was people who had never been to a soccer match."

Already Wran's appointment has resulted in widespread positive publicity, something the game has often struggled to earn, and there is little doubt his presence on the federation should help to open doors at both the corporate and government level. Although he has set himself no deadlines, and the ASF has told him the job is his as long as he wants it, Wran hopes that some of his aims can be realised by 1995.

"I'd like to think that within a couple of years, the sort of aims I've been discussing with John Constantine are becoming feasible," he says. "In at least a couple of years you should start to think you are on the right road. I repeat that I think they (the ASF) have a first class administrator in John Constantine, who has done a marvellous job in getting the game up to where it is now. "I certainly wouldn't have taken this on unless I knew there was someone like Constantine, with the ability, the commitment, and the track record that he's got, driving the federation along. "I guess we'll know when we're making progress if we can achieve two things. Firstly, we've got to keep our best players at home, and secondly we've got to keep the youngsters who start the game, in the game. We've got to make a soccer ball as familiar to them as a cricket ball was to the average Aussie back in the days of Don Bradman." And so say all of us.



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Carl Veart, Aurelio Vidmar, Milan Blagojevic, Stan Lazaridis.
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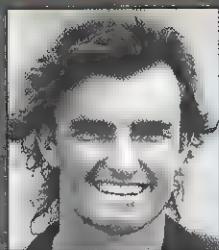
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NEW ZEALAND ALL WHITES

CLINT GOSLING

Age: 32 years
Ht: 185cm
Wt: 79kg
Position: Goalkeeper.
Sydney Olympic
Debut v Selangor, Malaysia 1978.
Previous clubs include Eastern Suburbs, Blockhouse Bay and Mt Wellington in New Zealand, and Sydney City and Newcastle in Australia. NZ's top custodian in recent years - 62 appearances.



MALCOLM DUNFORD

Age: 29
Ht: 185cm
Wt: 89kg
Position: Defender (captain).
Miramar Rangers
Debut v Fiji 1984 and Malcolm has been a regular team member since then - 64 appearances. Previously played with Wellington United



FRED DE JONG

Age: 28
Ht: 184cm
Wt: 85kg
Position: Striker.
Fortuna, Sittard
Former Youth International. NZ debut in 1984 v Bahrain. 22 appearances. Previous NZ clubs Mt Wellington and North Shore United and Sydney Marconi in Australia. Has played in Holland for past two seasons.



MICHAEL RIDGENTON

Age: 25 years
Ht: 188cm
Wt: 75kg
Position: Defender.
Papatoetoe
Michael is a former Youth International and Auckland rep at all age levels. Debut for NZ 1988 v Chinese Taipei - 10 appearances. Recently spent two years with Rotherham United (UK 3rd Division).



ROBERT IRONSIDE

Age: 25
Ht: 183cm
Wt: 90kg
Position: Defender/midfield.
Sydney Olympic
Debut v Australia in 1987 and Player of the Year. Robert has been a regular team member since then - 51 appearances. Previous NZ clubs North Shore United and Nelson United.



DARREN McCLENNAN

Age: 27
Ht: 180cm
Wt: 76kg
Position: Striker.
Waitakere City
Darren debuted for New Zealand against Fiji in 1986. Former Youth International - 25 appearances for NZ. Previous NZ Clubs Waitemata City, Howick, North Shore United and Mt Wellington



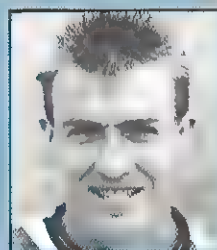
RODGER GRAY

Age: 27
Ht: 190cm
Wt: 84kg
Position: Defender.
Waitakere City
Rodger made his debut for New Zealand in 1989 v Australia and has a total of 24 appearances. His previous clubs are Waitemata City, West Auckland, Mt Wellington.



MICHAEL McGARRY

Age: 28 years
Ht: 178cm
Wt: 73kg
Position: Midfield/striker.
Roslyn Wakari
Michael made his debut against Fiji in 1986 and has been a regular team member since with 54 appearances. Previous clubs Dunedin City, Mosgiel, Christchurch United.



DANNY HALLIGAN

Age: 28
Ht: 183cm
Wt: 76kg
Position: Midfield.
Brisbane United
Danny has played 49 games for New Zealand since his debut against Australia in 1987. Previous NZ clubs Christchurch Nomads, Halswell, Christchurch United.



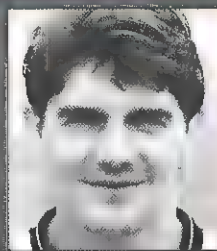
CERI EVANS

Age: 29
Ht: 180cm
Wt: 84kg
Position: Defender.
Oxford United FC
Most capped player in the squad - 79 appearances
NZ player of the year 1987
Previous NZ clubs Dunedin City, Christchurch United, Nelson United, Wellington United. Former Rhodes scholar and Oxford University graduate.



CHRIS RILEY

Age: 28
Ht: 183cm
Wt: 80kg
Position: Midfield.
Mt Albert Ponsonby
Debut v IFK Gothenburg 1988 - 23 appearances.
Previous clubs include North Shore United, Christchurch United, Mt Wellington, Miramar Rangers, M. Maungamanga and Adelaide City



THOMAS EDGE

Age: 23
Ht: 185cm
Wt: 85kg
Position: Striker.
Waitakere City
Thomas made his New Zealand debut in 1990 against North Korea (King's Cup Thailand) and has had seven appearances since then. Former NZ Youth International. Previous NZ clubs Gisborne City.





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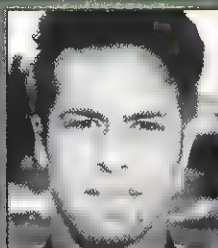
PERRY COTTON

Age: 28
Ht: 180cm
Wt: 78kg
Position:
Midfield/defender,
Nagpur City Rovers
Perry made his
debut for NZ
against Malaysia
during a tour in 1992 and has played for
the All Whites on three occasions. Previous
NZ clubs: Manawatu United, and UK
club Southampton United.



HEREMAIA NGATA

Age: 21
Ht: 179cm
Wt: 78kg
Position:
Midfield/striker,
North Shore
United
A former Youth
and Olympic
International, Heremaia made his
debut during a UK Tour in 1992 and
has had eight appearances since.
Former clubs Porirua Viard, Mt
Wellington, Hull City (UK).



WYNTON RUFER

Age: 20
Ht: 175cm
Wt: 75kg
Position: Striker,
Wardle Rovers
Rufert
Internationally
debuted for New
Zealand during his
tour of England
appearances. Previous
clubs: Waikato United, Manawatu
United, and UK club
Grasshoppers.



BILLY WRIGHT

Age: 30
Ht: 187cm
Wt: 81kg
Position: Striker,
Morwell Falcons
A UK-born, former
UK professional
with Burnley, Billy
made his debut for
NZ in 1988 against Saudi Arabia in
Melbourne. 20 appearances. Previous
NZ clubs: Waikato United, Mt Wellington.



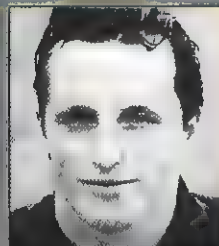
ALUN EVANS

Age: 23
Ht: 178cm
Wt: 78kg
Position:
Defender/midfield
North Star
Brisbane
Alun made his
debut for New
Zealand on a UK
tour in 1992. 14 appearances.
Previous NZ club: Christchurch United.



MICHAEL UTTING

Age: 22
Ht: 188cm
Wt: 82kg
Position:
Goalkeeper,
Miramar Ranger
Michael was a part
of the New Zealand
Olympic team in
1991 and made
his NZ debut during 1992 while on tour
in the UK. He has since played three
times for his country.



IAN MARSHALL Coach (Christchurch)

National Team Coach since
June 1989. Born in
Scotland, Marshall came to
NZ in 1966, played for
Christchurch Technical for
2 seasons. Coached
Christchurch for 10 years
and Christchurch United
for 4 years, during which
time the club participated
in four consecutive
Chatham Cup Finals
(1987-1990).



DOUG MOORE Assistant coach

Assistant Coach this
season, Doug brings a
wide range of
international coaching
experience, having
coached in the UK,
NZ and Kuwait as
well as several NZ
Youth teams. Former
Assistant Technical
Director of NZFA.

OTHERS

BRYCE HASTINGS - PHYSIOTHERAPIST

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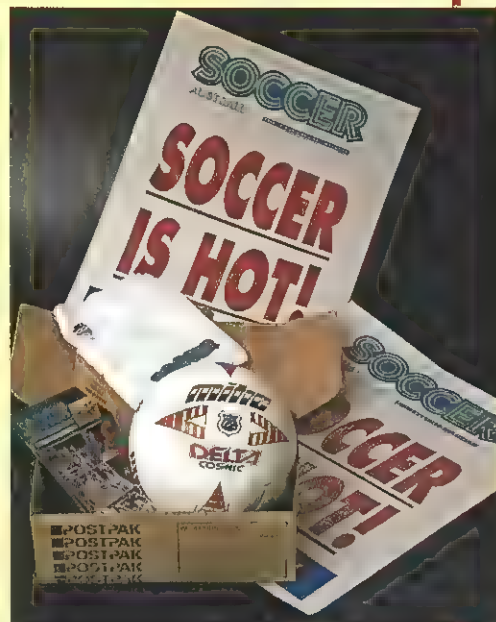
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BOUND FOR USA

Never underestimate a Kiwi when it comes to a sporting contest. Rudi Gutendorf and Frank Arok will tell you that from painful experience after having their World Cup dreams shattered by their great rivals from across the Tasman in the past.

Allan Border will also testify that no matter how much the odds seem stacked against them, New Zealanders have a habit of upsetting, particularly if their opponents are Australian.

Border was full of hope when he took his tournament favourites into cricket's World Cup last year, but the shock loss to the Kiwis in the opening match put the skids under them and it was a blow from which they never recovered.

Australians seem to have accepted the Socceroos will beat the All Whites in the Oceania World Cup qualifying playoffs, and are already looking forward to the clash with Canada at the next stage.

That scenario might eventuate but it wouldn't pay to take it for granted.

The All Whites team which will take on the Socceroos might not boast as many big names and overseas-based players as Australia can produce, but coach Ian Marshall has put together a more than capable unit on a shoestring budget.

In many ways this campaign will be a last-ditch World Cup effort for the New Zealanders, at least for the time being.

THE KIWIS

... dangerous when wounded

By **RUSSELL GRAY**, *The Dominion newspaper, Wellington*

The scrapping of New Zealand's national league will make it difficult in the future for players to reach the standard required for international football. Eventually the Football Association will have to admit it has made a mistake, but by then it may be too late. In the meantime, the current All Whites will be doing their best to ensure it is New Zealand, not Australia, which will do battle with Canada and then hopefully move onto the next stage in South America.

Meanwhile every time the All Whites read a newspaper or hear a radio report that tells them they have no hope

against Australia, it will only serve to motivate them more.

New Zealand soccer's finest hour was reaching the World Cup finals in Spain 11 years ago, and those who were involved will tell you they were helped along the way by a derisory article by an Australian journalist.

That article hurt more than most because of the way it put the New Zealanders down, and there is nothing more dangerous in the sporting arena than a wounded Kiwi.

Many times in Spain the team's glasses were raised to the Australian gentleman who helped them get there.

SOCCEROOS - FULL INTERNATIONAL GOALS

Abonyi Atti	25	Blue Archie	4	Ollerenshaw Scott	2	Kalantzis Chris	1
Kosmina John	25	Scheinflug Les	4	Patikas Jim	2	Marth Andrew	1
Baartz Ray	18	Sharne Peter	4	Utjesenovic Doug	2	McCulloch Tom	1
Cole Gary	17	Tolson Max	4	Watkiss John	2	Micic Frank	1
Ollerton Peter	15	Veart Carl	4	Watson Joe	2	Milosevic Branko	1
Arnold Graham	14	Campbell Eddie	3	Westwater Alan	2	Mori Damian	1
Mitchell David	11	Gray Ian	3	Ainslie Alan	1	Murphy Ken	1
Farina Frank	9	Krncevic Eddie	3	Armstrong Jim	1	Nyskohus John	1
Wade Paul	9	Odzakovic Zarko	3	Bennett Col	1	Pearson Jim	1
McColl Tom	8	Rooney Jim	3	Blues George	1	Petersen Mike	1
Vojtek Bill	8	Trimboli Paul	3	Bozinowski Vlado	1	Prskalo Ivo	1
Alston Adrian	7	Wilson Peter	3	Brown Greg	1	Ratcliffe David	1
Buljevic Branko	7	Zinni Andrew	3	Butler Terry	1	Rutherford Willie	1
Yankos Charlie	7	Boden Ken	2	Byrne Gary	1	Selemidis Theo	1
Crino Oscar	6	Davidson Alan	2	Campbell Jim	1	Tapai Ernie	1
Warren John	6	Dunn Robbie	2	Cant Jim	1	Tobin Alex	1
Barnes Murray	5	Durakovic Mehmet	2	Christopoulos Geo	1	Todd Dave	1
Mackay Jim	5	Edwards Alistair	2	Cumming Tom	1	Van Blerk Jason	1
O'Connor Phil	5	Harding Dave	2	Curran Col	1	Vidmar Aurelio	1
Richards Ray	5	Henderson Tony	2	Genc Aytak	1	Yzendoorn John	1
Spink Warren	5	Katholos Peter	2	Johnston Ian	1		



FULL INTERNATIONAL SOCCEROO APPEARANCES

Up to & including v KUWAIT, A, 11-3, 1993.

64: Peter Wilson.	16: Terry Greedy.	7: Theo Selemidis.	2: Terry Butler.
60: John Kosmina	16: Mark Jankovics.	7: Robbie Slater.	2: Andrew Callanan.
60: Atti Abonyi.	7: Garry McDowall.	2: Danny Walsh.	2: Steve Corica.
59: Paul Wade.	16: Ken Murphy.	2: Jim Cant.	2: Duncan Cummings.
57: Jimmy Rooney.	16: Warren Spink.	2: Ray Lloyd.	2: JeanPi DeMarigny.
50: Manfred Schaefer.	16: Ernie Tapai.	2: Hammy McMeechan.	2: Charlie Egan.
50: Alan Davidson.	16: Max Tolson.	2: Damian Mori.	2: Anthony Franken.
49: Charlie Yankos.	15: Ernie Campbell.	2: Roger Romanowicz.	2: AYTEK Genc.
49: Ray Baartz.	15: Steve O'Connor.	2: Willie Rutherford.	2: Gary Hasler.
44: Graham Jennings.	15: Jack Reilly.	2: Les Scheinflug.	2: Steve Herczeg.
43: John Warren.	15: Alan Westwater.	2: Carl Veart.	2: Sandy Irvine.
39: Oscar Crino.	14: Ian Gray.	2: John Anderson.	2: Paul Kay.
39: Adrian Alston.	14: Peter Katholos.	2: Mlian Blagojevic.	2: Mark Koussass.
38: Graham Arnold.	14: Alan Marnoch.	2: Roy Blitz.	2: Stan Lazaridis.
37: Jeff Oliver.	14: Tom McCulloch.	2: Andy Koczka.	2: Grant Lee.
36: Doug Utjesenovic.	14: Scott Ollerenshaw.	2: Jim Muir.	2: Jamie Paton.
35: George Harris.	14: Peter Raskopoulos.	2: Jim Pearson.	2: Billy Rogers.
35: Gary Byrne.	13: Steve Blair.	2: Jason Polak.	2: Geoff Sleight.
32: Frank Farina.	13: Ken Boden.	2: Billy Rice.	2: Tony Spyridakos.
32: Mike Petersen.	13: Bobby Hogg.	2: Marshall Soper.	2: Kimon Taliadoros.
32: Ray Richards.	13: Zarko Odzakov.	2: Robbie Wheatley.	2: Cliff Van Blerk.
31: Murray Barnes.	13: Ivo Prskalo.	2: Alan Ainslie.	2: Brett Woods.
31: Col Bennett.	13: John Yzendoorn.	2: Arno Bertogna.	2: Dennis Yaager.
31: Jim MacKay.	12: Andrew Bernal.	1: George Blues.	2: Yaka Banovic.
31: Peter Ollerton.	12: Greg Brown.	1: Jim Campbell.	2: Peter Boyle.
31: Billy Vojtek.	12: Alistair Edwards.	1: John Coyne.	2: Rene Colusso.
29: Alex Tobin.	12: Steve Perry.	1: Tommy Cumming.	2: John Davies.
28: Stan Ackerley.	12: Jason Van Blerk.	1: Mike Denton.	2: Paul Degney.
28: Ron Corry.	11: Greg Woodhouse.	1: Ray Illott.	2: John Doyle.
27: Tony Henderson.	10: Archie Blue.	1: David Jones.	2: John Filan.
27: David Mitchell.	10: Andrew Marth.	1: Gary Manuel.	2: Seb Giampaolo.
25: Robbie Dunn.	10: Jim Patikas.	1: George Nuttal.	2: Mike Gibson.
23: Mehmet Durakovic.	10: Peter Stone.	1: Angle Postecoglou.	2: Rudi Gnani.
23: Wally Savor.	10: Andrew Zinni.	1: John Roche.	2: George Haniotis.
23: Joe Watkiss.	9: Martyn Crook.	1: Peter Tredinnick.	2: Robbie Hooker.
22: Branko Buljevic.	9: Pat Hughes.	1: Jim Armstrong.	2: Zeljko Kalac.
22: Col Curran.	9: Gary Marocchi.	1: Steve Calderan.	2: Ross Kelly.
22: Dave Harding.	9: Nigel Shepherd.	1: Ted DeLyster.	2: Sergio Melita.
22: Allan Maher.	9: Paul Trimboli.	1: John Giacometti.	2: Tony Krslovic.
22: John Nyskohus.	9: Dick Van Alphen.	1: Ron Giles.	2: John McDonald.
22: Peter Sharne.	9: Gary Van Egmond.	1: Mike Grbevski.	2: Mike Micevski.
22: Robert Zabica.	8: Geo Christopoulos.	1: Steve Hogg.	2: Bruce Morrow.
21: David Ratcliffe.	8: Jim Fraser.	1: Ian Johnston.	2: Paul Okon.
20: Todd Clarke.	8: Branko Milosevic.	1: David Lowe.	2: John O'Shea.
20: George Keith.	8: Alan Niven.	1: Steve Maxwell.	2: Joe Palatsides.
20: Phil O'Connor.	8: Aurelio Vidmar.	1: Kevin Mullen.	2: Mendo Ristovski.
20: Harry Williams.	8: Tony Vidmar.	1: John Perin.	2: John Roberts.
19: Gary Cole.	8: Ned Zelic.	1: Darren Stewart.	2: John Russell.
19: Eddie Krncevic.	7: Vlado Bozinoski.	1: Dave Todd.	2: Abbas Saad.
19: Tommy McColl.	7: Billy Cook.	1: Gary Wilkins.	2: Joe Senkalski.
19: Agenor Muniz.	7: Alan Hunter.	1: David Zeman.	2: John Spanos.
19: Jim Tansey.	7: Chris Kalantzis.	1: Glen Ahearn.	2: Mark Talajic.
18: Milan Ivanovic.	7: Frank Micic.	1: Richie Be.I.	2: Charlie Villani.
17: Joe Watson.	7: Billy Rorke.	2: Rod Brown.	

AUSTRALIA'S CLASHES v NEW ZEALAND

Friendly. Won 5-3 (Saigon. November, 1967). AUSTRALIA: Romanowicz. Keith. Ackerley. Micic (Schaefer). Van Alphen. Westwater. McColl (Richards). Abonyi***. Warren*. Baartz*. Vojtek. Coach: Joe Vlasits
 Friendly. Won 3-1 (Jakarta. October 9, 1972). AUSTRALIA: Corry. Utjesenovic. Wilson. Schaefer. B.Nyskohus. Rooney (Baartz*). McDonald. Warren*. Abonyi*. Armstrong (Alston). Butler (Buljevic). Coach: Rasic
WORLD CUP. Drew 1-1 (Auckland. March 4, 1973). AUSTRALIA: Corry. Utjesenovic. Wilson. Schaefer. B.Hogg. Richards. Warren (Abonyi). Baartz. Alston (E.Campbell*). Tolson. Buljevic. Coach: Rasic
WORLD CUP. Drew 3-3 (Sydney. March 16, 1973). AUSTRALIA: Corry. Utjesenovic*. Wilson. Schaefer. B.Hogg. Richards. Mackay. Rooney. Alston. Baartz*. Buljevic*. Coach: Rasic
 Friendly. Won 1-0 (Auckland. February 29, 1976). AUSTRALIA: Clarke. Utjesenovic. Wilson. Bennett. Harris. Rooney. Harding*. Muniz. Jankovics

(J.Nyskohus). Ollerton. Barnes. Coach: Green
 Friendly. Won 3-1 (Melbourne. March 2, 1976). AUSTRALIA: Clarke. Utjesenovic. Wilson. Bennett. Harris. Harding. Muniz. Rooney. Abonyi* (J.Nyskohus). Ollerton*. Barnes*. Coach: Green
WORLD CUP. Won 3-1 (Sydney. March 27, 1977). AUSTRALIA: Clarke. Harris. Wilson. Bennett. Williams. Muniz (Harding). Byrne. Rooney. Abonyi. Ollerton*. Kosmina*. Coach: Shoulder
WORLD CUP. Drew 1-1 (Auckland. March 30, 1977). AUSTRALIA: Clarke. Harris. Wilson. Bennett. Williams. Harding. Rooney. Byrne. Kosmina. Ollerton*. Abonyi. Coach: Shoulder
 Friendly. Lost 0-1 (Auckland. June 13, 1979). AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse. Curran. Wilson. S.O'Connor. Degney (J.O'Shea). Henderson. Byrne. Jankovics (Kosmina). Sharne (Muniz). Krncevic. Watson. Coach: Gutendorf

AUSTRALIA'S CLASHES v NEW ZEALAND

WORLD CUP. Drew 3-3 (Auckland. April 25, 1981). AUSTRALIA: Maher. Henderson. Perry (Yzendoorn). Barnes. Blair. Davidson. Rogers. Boden* (Giampaolo). Krncevic. Sharne. Kosmina. Coach: Gutendorf**

WORLD CUP. Lost 0-2 (Sydney. May 16, 1981). AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse. Yzendoorn. Henderson. Blair. Tansey. Davidson. Barnes. Rogers (Cole). Krncevic(Boden). Jankovics. Sharne. Coach: Gutendorf

Friendly. Lost 1-2 (Auckland. February 22, 1983). AUSTRALIA: Crook. Davidson. Blair. Ratcliffe. Niven. Byrne. Christopoulos. Katholos. Kosmina*. Mitchell (Soper). P.O'Connor. Coach: Scheinflug

Friendly. Lost 0-2 (Melbourne. February 27, 1983). AUSTRALIA: Crook. Davidson. Blair. Ratcliffe. Niven. Byrne. Christopoulos. Katholos. Kosmina (Soper). Mitchell. P.O'Connor. Coach: Scheinflug

WORLD CUP. Drew 0-0 (Auckland. September 21, 1985). AUSTRALIA: Greedy. Yankos. Odzakov. Ratcliffe. S.O'Connor (Dunn). Jennings. Watson. Murphy. Crino. Kosmina. Mitchell. Coach: Arok

WORLD CUP. Won 2-0 (Sydney. November 3, 1985). AUSTRALIA: Greedy. Yankos. Davidson. Ratcliffe. S.O'Connor. Jennings. Watson. Crino. Murphy. Kosmina*. Mitchell*. Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Drew 1-1 (Auckland. October 25, 1986). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Yankos. Savor. McDowall (A.Hunter). Dunn. Jennings. Raskopoulos. Arnold*. Wade. Farina (Zinni). Kalantzis. Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Won 2-0 (Sydney. November 2, 1986). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Yankos. Savor. Dunn (Wheatley). A.Hunter. Jennings. Raskopoulos. Wade. Farina (Zinni*). Arnold*. Kalantzis. Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Drew 1-1 (Melbourne. September 2, 1987). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Savor. Jennings. Yankos. Dunn. Farina. Wade. Arnold. Raskopoulos (R.Brown). Zinni*. Crino (Odzakov). Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Lost 0-1 (Auckland. September 9, 1987). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Savor. Yankos. Dunn. McDowall. Farina. Wade. Arnold. Zinni (R.Brown). Davidson. Odzakov (Crino). Coach: Arok

Olympic Games. Won 3-1 (Sydney. March 13, 1988). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Savor. Yankos. McDowall. Tobin (Jennings). Wade. Arnold. Crino*. Farina*. Kosmina. Patikas* (Ollerenshaw). Coach: Arok

Olympic Games. D1-1 (Wellington NZ. March 23, 1988). AUSTRALIA:

Oliver. Savor. Yankos. A.Hunter. Jennings. Wade. Arnold (Patikas). Crino. Petersen. Kosmina (Farina*). Mitchell. Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Won 2-1 (Dunedin. October 12, 1988). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Davidson. Van Egmond. Koczka. McDowall. Jennings. Wade. Crino*. Arnold. Ollerenshaw*. Spink (Postecoglou). Coach: Arok

Trans Tasman Cup. Won 2-0 (Bendigo. October 16, 1988). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Davidson. Van Egmond. Yankos. McDowall. Postecoglou (Jennings). Wade (Petersen). Crino. Arnold. Ollerenshaw. Spink. Coach: Arok**

WORLD CUP. Won 4-1 (Sydney. March 12, 1989). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Savor. Yankos* (Koczka). Calderan. Wade. Petersen. Crino*. Davidson. Spink (Slater). Arnold. Ollerenshaw. Coach: Arok**

WORLD CUP. Lost 0-2 (Auckland. April 2, 1989). AUSTRALIA: Oliver. Davidson. Yankos. Calderan (Koczka). Van Egmond. Petersen (Slater). Crino. Wade. Ollerenshaw. Arnold. Spink. Coach: Arok

Oceania Cup. Won 1-0 (Christchurch. May 12, 1991). AUSTRALIA: Zabica. Durakovic. Marth. Ivanovic. Tobin. Callanan. Wade. Milosevic* (Genc 75'). A.Vidmar (Gray 68). Trimboli (Lowe 65'). G.Brown. Coach: Thomson

Oceania Cup. Won 2-1 (Adelaide. May 15, 1991). AUSTRALIA: Zabica. Gray. Marth. Ivanovic. Tobin. Callanan. Wade. Petersen*. A.Vidmar*. Lowe. G.Brown. Coach: Thomson.

* denotes goal scorer.

SUMMARY - AUSTRALIA V NEW ZEALAND

W 5-3	67	D 3-3	81	L 0-1	87
W 3-1	72	L 0-2	81	W 3-1	88
D 1-1	73	L 1-2	83	D 1-1	88
D 3-3	73	L 0-2	83	W 2-1	88
W 1-0	76	D 0-0	85	W 2-0	88
W 3-1	76	W 2-0	85	W 4-1	89
W 3-1	77	D 1-1	86	L 0-2	89
D 1-1	77	W 2-0	86	W 1-0	91
L 0-1	79	D 1-1	87	W 2-1	91

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
AUSTRALIA	27	13	8	6	45	31	34
NEW ZEALAND	27	6	8	13	31	45	20

1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CAMPAIGN - OCEANIA

Oceania winner plays-off vs Concacaf runner-up. Play off winner meets the South American (Conmebol) Group A runner-up for a place in the World Cup 1994 finals in USA.

Group 1.

11.7.92 Solomon Islands 1 Tahiti 1.

4.9.92 Solomon Islands 1 Australia 2 (McCulloch, Veart).

11.9.92 Tahiti 0 Australia 3 (Mori 2' Veart 44' Wade 57').

TAHITI: Laurent Heinis. Heipua Lupas. Cyril Raioha. Leonard Layton. Jean Pierre Teuira. Reupena Raumati. Eric Etaeta. John Thunot (Harold Amaru 76'). Jean Loup Rousseau. Eric Deane (Edmond Raumati 28'). Reynald Temarii. Coach: Francois Ferez. AUSTRALIA: Robert Zabica. Mehmet Durakovic. Andrew Marth. Milan Ivanovic. Alex Tobin. Damian Mori. Paul Wade (Andrew Bernal 73'). Ernie Tapai. Mike Petersen. Carl Veart. Alistair Edwards (Gary Hasler 80'). Coach: Eddie 20.9.92 Australia 2 (Veart 11' Durakovic 74') Tahiti 0.

AUSTRALIA: Robert Zabica. Mehmet Durakovic. Andrew Marth. Milan Ivanovic. Alex Tobin. Damian Mori. Paul Wade. Ian Gray. Mike Petersen (sent off 48'). Carl Veart (Greg Brown 76'). Alistair Edwards. Coach: Eddie Thomson. TAHITI: Fassain. Leonard Layton. Heipua Lupas. Cyril Raioha. Jean Pierre Teuira. Reupena Raumati. Reynald Temarii. Gartien (Chavez 80'). Eric Etaeta. Harold Amaru (Jean Loup Rousseau 62'). John Thunot. Coach: Francois Ferez.

25.9.92 Australia 6 (Genc 4' Gray 60' Wade 67' Veart 83' Brown 85' Durakovic 88') Solomon Islands 1 (Ashley 6').

AUSTRALIA: Anthony Franken. Alex Tobin. Milan Ivanovic. Paul Wade. Darren Stewart. Gary Hasler (Carl Veart 52'). Ian Gray. Damian Mori (Mehmet Durakovic 84'). Aytek Genc. Alistair Edwards. Greg Brown.

Coach: Eddie Thomson. SOLOMON ISLANDS: Joseph Batai. John Tanisapa. Robert Hicks. Charles Ashley. Dudley Natei. William Omokiro. Holesi Vato (George Kiriau 86'). Richard Gulu. Solomon Vevoa. Robert Suri. Ian Pwaholo (Daniel Watai 65'). Coach: Luito Faarodo. 9.10.92 Tahiti 4 (Temarii pen 8' Rousseau 18' Gartien 43' 88') Solomon Islands 2 (Vato 60' Suri 90').

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Australia	4	4	0	0	13	2	8
Tahiti	4	1	1	2	5	8	3
Solomon Islands	4	0	1	3	5	13	1

Group 2.

7.6.92 New Zealand 3 (Wright 15' 50' Halligan 42') Fiji 0.

27.6.92 Vanuatu 1 (Vatu) New Zealand 4 (McClennan 2, Gray, Halligan pen).

1.7.92 New Zealand 8 Vanuatu 0.

12.9.92 Fiji 3 (Moceimereke 65' 69' 75') Vanuatu 0.

19.9.92 Fiji 0 New Zealand 0.

26.9.92 Vanuatu 0 Fiji 3 (Cama 15' Nawalu 33' 77').

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Zealand	4	3	1	0	15	1	7
Fiji	4	2	1	1	6	3	5
Vanuatu	4	0	0	4	1	18	0

2nd Round

29.5.93. New Zealand v Australia

6.6.93. Australia v New Zealand.

1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING CAMPAIGN = OCEANIA

A look at the World Cup qualifying sections that effect Oceania

CONCACAF.

23 teams to qualify.

23 entries (27 members, Cuba withdrew. USA qualify as hosts). Preliminary round and 1st round played to cup system. Canada and Mexico automatically qualify for the second round (in two groups of four). 3rd round in one group of four. Concacaf winner automatically qualifies for World Cup finals, runner-up plays-off vs the winner of Oceania. Play-off winner competes vs the fourth team from South America.

ELIMINATION ROUND.

Dominican Republic 1 (Dinardo Rodriguez 67') Puerto Rico 2 (Mark Lueg 23' Ramiro Borja 57').

Puerto Rico 1 Dominican Republic 1.

Saint Lucia 1 St Vincent & Grenadines 0.

St Vincent & Grenadines 3 Saint Lucia 1.

PRELIMINARY ROUND (Cup system) - GROUP NORTH.

Bermuda 1 Haiti 0.

Haiti 2 Bermuda 1.

Jamaica 2 Puerto Rico 1.

Puerto Rico 0 Jamaica 1 (Wright). St Vincent v Cuba. Cuba withdrew, St Vincent automatically qualifies for first round.

GROUP SOUTH.

Netherlands Antilles 1 Antigua 1.

Antigua 3 Netherlands Antilles 0.

Guyana 1 Surinam 2.

Surinam 1 Guyana 1.

Barbados 1 Trinidad & Tobago 2.

Trinidad Tobago 3 (Faustin 63' Jamerson 68' Lewis 84') Barbados 0.

1st ROUND - CENTRAL REGION.

Guatemala 0 Honduras 0.

Honduras 2 Guatemala 0. Panama 1 Costa Rica 0.

Costa Rica 5 Panama 1.

Nicaragua 0 El Salvador 5 (Estrada 2' Jorge Gonzalez 16' 75' Castro Borja 20' Ulloa 70').

El Salvador 5 Nicaragua 1.

CARIBBEAN REGION.

Surinam 0 St Vincent 0.

St Vincent 2 Surinam 1. Antigua 0 Bermuda 3 (Thompson 21' Camm 70' Jennings 79').

Bermuda 2 Antigua 1.

Trinidad & Tobago 1 (Charles 80') Jamaica 2 (Isaacs 52' Anglin 65').

Jamaica 1 Trinidad & Tobago 1.

2nd ROUND (League System) - GROUP A.

Mexico, Honduras, St Vincent, Costa Rica.

Costa Rica 2 (Berry 2' Arnaez 37') Honduras 3 (Flores 47' Richardson Smith 71' Obando 83').

St Vincent 0 Mexico 4 (Zague 21' Suarez 55' Uribe 73' 78').

Mexico 2 (de la Torre 10' Uribe 82') Honduras 0.

St Vincent 0 Costa Rica 1 (Gonzalez 59').

Mexico 4 (Garcia 60' 70' Suarez 65' De la Torre 82') Costa Rica 0.

St Vincent 0 Honduras 4 (Flores 16' 22' Sauzo 55' Benneth 73').

Honduras 4 (Obando 6', pen 23' Flores 34' Anariba 87') St Vincent 0.

Costa Rica 2 (Richard Smith 47' 88') Mexico 0.

Honduras 2 (J.Flores 15' C.Obando 51') Costa Rica 1 (J.Astua 73').

Mexico 11 (F.Uribe 5' 38' 88' C.Hermosillo 14' 23' 76' 80' M.Bernal 30' 56' 71' Zague pen 44') St Vincent 0.

Costa Rica 5 (Astua 5' 50' 70' Medford 42' Arnaez 72') St Vincent 0.

Honduras 1 (Suazo 49') Mexico 1 (Uribe 56').

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mexico	6	4	1	1	22	3	9
Honduras	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Costa Rica	6	3	0	3	11	9	6
St Vincent	6	0	0	6	0	29	0

GROUP B.

Canada, Bermuda, El Salvador, Jamaica.

Bermuda 1 (Lightbourne 77') El Salvador 0.

Jamaica 1 (Hector Wright 70') Canada 1 (Dale Mitchell 85').

Bermuda 1 (Jennings 52') Jamaica 1 (Davis 74').

El Salvador 1 (Magico Gonzalez 32') Canada 1 (Miller 86').

Canada 1 (Mitchell 53') Jamaica 0.

El Salvador 4 (Palacios 22' Magico Gonzalez 44' Cienfuegos 52' Rivera 56') Bermuda 1 (L.Goater 80').

Canada 2 (Miller 13' Mitchell 71') El Salvador 3 (Rivera 44' Ulloa 52' 89').

Jamaica 3 (Wright 5' 85' Reed 8') Bermuda 2 (Paynter 66' Shaun Goater 68').

Canada 4 (Bunbury 7' 13' 36' Auger 86') Bermuda 2 (Goater 70' Sawm 76').

Jamaica 0 El Salvador 2 (Melendez 8' 85').

Bermuda 0 Canada 0.

El Salvador 2 (M.Melendez 21' R.Diaz 65') Jamaica 1 (P.Davis 35').

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
El Salvador	6	4	1	1	12	6	9
Canada	6	2	3	1	9	7	7
Jamaica	6	1	2	3	6	9	4
Bermuda	6	1	2	3	7	12	4

3rd ROUND (League System).

Honduras 2 (Rodolfo Smith pen 41' Cesar Obando 89') Canada 2 (Dale Mitchell pen 34' Alex Bunbury 68').

El Salvador 2 (Carlos Castro pen 41' William Renderos 77') Mexico 1 (Alberto Garcia Aspe 75').

Mexico 3 (Luis Flores 9' Hugo Sanchez pen 76' Ignacio Ambriz 90')

Honduras 0.

Canada 2 (Alex Bunbury 26' John Catliff 33') El Salvador 0.

Canada 3 (Mobilio 51' Catliff 61' 66') Honduras 1 (Pineda 17').

Mexico 4 (Ignacio Amoriz 13' Luis Garcia 56' Ramon Ramirez 75') El

Salvador 1 (Oscar Ulloa 89').

Mexico 4 (Ramon Ramirez 20' 34' Luis Garcia 53' Alberto Garcia Aspe 68') Canada 0.

Honduras 2 (Eduardo Bennett 28' 63') El Salvador 0.

Honduras 1 (Juan Alberto Flores 66') Mexico 4 (Alberto Garcia Aspe 2'

Luis Flores 45' Luis Garcia 49' Ignacio Ambriz 89').

El Salvador 1 (Jorge Gonzalez 58') Canada 2 (John Catliff 27' Paul Peschisolido 60').

Canada 1 (Alex Bunbury 13') Mexico 2 (Hugo Sanchez 34' Francisco Cruz 85').

El Salvador 2 (Raul Diaz 1' Oscar Ulloa 32') Honduras 1 (Juan Anariba 77').

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mexico	5	4	0	1	16	4	8
Canada	5	3	1	1	9	8	7
Honduras	5	1	1	3	6	12	3
El Salvador	5	1	0	4	4	11	2

Concacaf winner MEXICO qualifies for World Cup finals.

Play-off. Concacaf runner-up CANADA plays Oceania winner between August 1 and Sept 30.

Decider. Play-off winner has to play runner-up of Conmebol Group A (Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru) between 15 Oct and 17 Nov 93.

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CONMEBOL (SOUTH AMERICA).

3/4 teams to qualify.

The winner of group A, the winner and runner-up of group B qualify for the World Cup finals. The runner-up of group A will play the winner of the play-off match between Oceania and Concacaf for a place in the World Cup finals.

1st Round

GROUP A.

Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru.

01.08.93 Colombia v Paraguay.

01.08.93 Peru v Argentina.

08.08.93 Paraguay v Argentina.

08.08.93 Peru v Colombia.

15.08.93 Colombia v Argentina.

15.08.93 Paraguay v Peru.

22.08.93 Argentina v Peru.

22.08.93 Paraguay v Colombia.

29.08.93 Argentina v Paraguay.

29.08.93 Colombia v Peru.

05.09.93 Argentina v Colombia.

05.09.93 Peru v Paraguay.

GROUP B.

Brazil, Uruguay, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela.

18.07.93 Ecuador v Brazil.

18.07.93 Venezuela v Bolivia.

25.07.93 Bolivia v Brazil.

25.07.93 Venezuela v Uruguay.

01.08.93 Uruguay v Ecuador.

01.08.93 Venezuela v Brazil.

08.08.93 Bolivia v Uruguay.

08.08.93 Ecuador v Venezuela.

15.08.93 Bolivia v Ecuador.

15.08.93 Uruguay v Brazil.

22.08.93 Bolivia v Venezuela.

22.08.93 Brazil v Ecuador.

29.08.93 Brazil v Bolivia.

29.08.93 Uruguay v Venezuela.

05.09.93 Brazil v Venezuela.

05.09.93 Ecuador v Uruguay.

12.09.93 Uruguay v Bolivia.

12.09.93 Venezuela v Ecuador.

19.09.93 Brazil v Uruguay.

19.09.93 Ecuador v Bolivia.

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When Australia's young Coca-Cola Joeys were in Cairns preparing for the U/17's World Cup qualifiers in the Solomon Islands in April, a Far North Queensland soccer official referred to coach Les Scheinflug as "King of the Kids".

Within two weeks that prophetic phrase was significantly reinforced as Scheinflug almost single-handedly led a bunch of inexperienced school boys to yet another World Cup Finals appearance for Australia by winning the Oceania Tournament undefeated.

Japan will be Scheinflug's seventh Youth and U/17's World Championship - an incredible coaching career.

Just a week before taking the squad to Honiara, the 24 players in camp at Canberra's AIS wore name tags at training so Scheinflug and his assistant Victor Fernandez could identify them. By comparison, our strongest rival New Zealand had its squad together for two years under former senior coach John Adshead and prepared for the qualifying tournament by playing four matches in Malaysia. The Coca-Cola Joeys had barely met each other until a few days before travelling.

To add to Scheinflug's already difficult task, the six nation qualifying tournament was held in an underdeveloped country where certain basic foods are scarce, power cuts are frequent, a shortage of water often forced teams to take a dip in the pool rather than a shower after training and where temperatures of 42 to 45 degrees were measured during matches.

But Scheinflug took these hurdles in his stride and set about creating a unit capable of overcoming all the odds. The crucial opening game against a host country fired by a partisan crowd of 15,000 and pouring rain, which turned the pitch into a quagmire produced an encouraging 2-0 win, with first half goals from midfielder Andy Vargas and captain Paul Bilokapic. Later in the afternoon however, New Zealand served notice with a 10-0 thumping of Vanuatu. The Coca-Cola Joeys faced a huge assignment to get past the Kiwis, a task made more difficult after striker Sebastian Naglieri returned home with a mystery virus.

A downpour minutes after the start against Tahiti made conditions almost impossible. But before New Zealand referee Gary Fleet called a halt, striker Jonathan Carter gave the Joeys a 4th minute lead, Tahiti equalised when the ball stuck in the mud in a goalmouth scramble and Bilokapic regained the lead just before the game was abandoned. Further rain the next day forced officials to cancel a replay, allowing the 2-1 result to stand and ensuring Australia topped its group for the semi-final. New Zealand also won its group, defeating Fiji 5-1 and the Solomons beat Tahiti with a last minute goal to set up an Australia v Fiji semi-final, with the Kiwis facing the Solomons in the other.

It seemed certain that the Joeys would face the Kiwis in the final, but the Solomons scored an upset 2-1 win in the first semi. The value of Scheinflug's experience was demonstrated in the lead-up to the semi finals. While he conserved his players' energy by training early in the morning and late evening, the

KING OF THE KIDS



Bound for Japan ... the 1993 Coca-Cola Joeys.

Kiwis were drained by training in the hot sun in the middle of the day. With New Zealand no longer a threat, Scheinflug knew World Cup qualification was there for the taking and instructed his

team to be patient and pace itself against Fiji. After all, the final was only 48 hours later, on another hot and humid afternoon. The instructions were carried out to perfection. Carter opened the score after just 5 minutes. Midfielder John Carbone unleashed a 20-metre thunderbolt 15 minutes later and Carter showed his knack for being in the right place at the right time by grabbing the third after 30 minutes.

A 3-0 half-time lead allowed the Joeys to take their feet off the pedal. The second half resembled a training session, but midfielder Roberto Gomez added two more goals to give the Aussies a 5-0 win.

A huge crowd packed the Lawson Tama Stadium for the final, with the locals hopeful of another upset.

But while the Solomons played passionate football, the Australians were disciplined and had extra class when it mattered. Carter gave his side a perfect start, with a goal inside the first 2 minutes, Gomez smashed home the second from an acute angle 20 minutes later and Carter finished off with a marvellous individual effort on the half hour. From then, it was a matter of retaining possession, conserving energy under the hot sun and ensuring the job finished successfully.

The king of the kids had done it again. - **FRANK SCICLUNA**

Les MURRAY



If you don't know Les Murray you don't know soccer in more than a decade, has an intimate knowledge of the is recognised world-wide for his expertise in the field. entrepreneur Harry Michaels . . .

WILL Harry Michaels' association with his second love, Sydney Olympic, again be shortlived? Maybe not known or loved by everybody, but Michaels', TV producer and successful businessman, already has his unique place in Australian soccer history. He is the only private individual in this country, so far, with the balls to dabble in the sport on an entrepreneurial basis. Many of course do it elsewhere in the world. Soccer's glamour end in Europe and other places is crawling with billionaires who run soccer clubs as businesses and run them well: Agnelli, Berlusconi, Tapie and the rest. And they're just the richer ones. Every single Italian club, for instance, is run and owned by entrepreneurs with their own wallets on the line. It is a pattern yet to be followed in Australia, but one man, Harry Michaels, has come close. For a time, at great personal expense, he ran the Wollongong Wolves first team. He did that by default. His heart was always with Olympic but that fickle, turbulent lady never responded to his courtship. Until recently when, in a kind of half-

WHY WE

way deal, he became manager of the Sydney Olympic team. Not owner, not president, just manager. But it did mean, at least partly, bankrolling the team and its attempt at a revival. And the revival came. The then tottering Olympic was given a new coach - Berti Mariani - who went on to lead the team, in the ensuing nine games, to six wins, one draw and two losses: a success rate of 70 per cent. That success rate, had it been spread through the whole season, would have had Olympic finish second place on the ladder, above Marconi. But alas, Harry and the club's established hierarchy since had a fallout. The club finances, in Harry's summation, were off the rails. He resigned. The board rejected his resignation. The drama led to the inevitable powerplay and as the

stakes stiffened: it was either Harry or club president George Pashalis. No ill-will meant to his opponents, but I hope Harry's link with Olympic prevails. Those who would object to Harry Michaels running Sydney Olympic or any club have only a beef about his flashy ambition, sense of individualism and flair. The style, not the substance. And certainly not his money. In fact, as Olympic's recent record shows and if you recall the Wollongong Wolves experience, his touch brings tangible results and the kind of profile any club would want. His brief spell at Wollongong had the Wolves' crowds way up on the average and coincided with the only time they looked like a team of glamour and ambition. Since then, consistent as they are on the park,



Johann Cruyff

MESSAGE STARTS TO SINK

THE lessons of the World Youth Championship - and I speak specifically of its enchanting final - are, I am assured, starting to sink in.

The Australian coaching scheme, run thankfully by Mike Wells, a man who has for long had a cosmopolitan view of the world game and how it should be played, is having a gradual shift in attitude. In short, emphasis is moving away from the notion that the so-called "direct" method of play nurtured in England is what should be taught to children and their teachers. Brazil and Ghana, with their success and their

level of entertainment, taught us to finally grasp the truth: that technique is not just ONE of the components that make good footballers, but THE most important component.

I quote on this topic Barcelona coach Johann Cruyff who was asked what qualities he looks for in a player:

"Technical ability. That's a very important guide to a player's psychology. If a player knows he's good then I know he has the mental strength with which I can work. In our scheme of things, WE must have the ball and control it. My ideal football is 70 per

Australia. Murray, SBS TV's "Mr Soccer" for game and its players second to none and he In this issue, Les Murray looks at

THE WORLD GAME

NEED HARRY

the Wolves had returned to their lair of provincialism and low expectation. The split between Harry Michaels and Wollongong was symptomatic of Australian soccer's lack of vision and lack of understanding of how such relationships work. Coach John Fleming was content to have Harry's financial input but zealously rejected any interference with the team, conveniently forgetting that it was Harry's money which brought such names as Alan Brazil, Trevor Francis, Paul Mariner and Marshall Soper to the club and with it much success.

When Fleming refused even to tell Michaels his selected first team lineup, Harry had had enough and quit. The link between Michaels and Mariani has been happier and much more

civilised. Mariani is the coach, it is he who selects and runs the team and his integrity is intact. Indeed, even where buying and selling is concerned, I am sure Berti is the guide. And Harry Michaels, a shrewd businessman, is not so silly as to interfere in matters which are not his craft.

But Mariani, I suspect, also knows that the man who pays has a say, a right to ask questions and his whims have to be accommodated.

Indeed there are games in soccer, games of business, in which businessmen are better than are coaches. Take the example of Ned Zelic and the massive profit Sydney Olympic made on him. Zelic came to Olympic from Sydney Croatia not because the team needed a good sweeper. They already had a

more than capable one in Robbie Hooker.

No, he came for business and only for business.

Now imagine if the coach, deciding that buying and selling was his sole territory and he wouldn't take any interference, dug his heels in and rejected the Zelic deal. Thankfully, Mick Hickman didn't try that or if he did he didn't get his way. For if he had, Olympic would now be circa \$350,000 poorer because that was their clear profit after Zelic went to Dortmund.

That is the way things work at Milan, Juventus and Marseille, and they work very well, thank you.

And that's the kind of thinking Harry Michaels, or his type, can bring to a club. I wish there were 13 others like him.

IN FROM YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

cent technical and 30 per cent physical. There's too much running around in football today."

Cruyff went on to add: "Basic technique is essential. You've got to start with the youth teams. I'd insist on playing with three defenders and three forwards. Always one against one. That's the way to encourage individual enterprise in football."

One often quoted comparison that was made after the final day of Australia '93 described the early game, between Australia and England, as the "prehistoric game" and the final

between Brazil and Ghana the "21st Century game".

Studying the video of both, it was easy to discover why. I went looking for the long "hopeful" ball. Not long passes, for there is nothing wrong with them provided they are hit in hope, "just to get it up there" not caring that it comes straight back again.

In the Australia v England game I counted 96 in all - 64 by England and 32 by Australia.

In the final, I found just one, yes, just one in the entire game.

Cynics who believe all is well in Australian coaching and want to retain the status quo just don't get it.

Calls for adopting the values of Brazil and Ghana are not about flooding the country with Brazilian coaches nor about turning every Aussie player into a Gian, Adriano or Zico.

It is about changing attitudes and the shifting of emphasis in our coaching and mode of play so we, in the end, can become truly competitive.

It is about grasping, if we are capable of grasping, what Cruyff talks about above.

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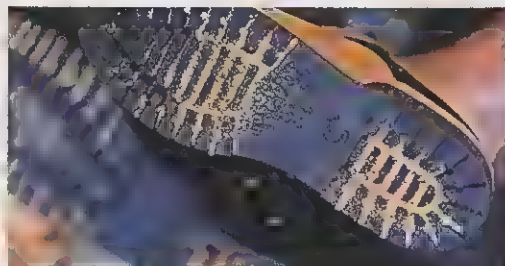
WORK HARD, PLAY HARD



Workwear has become the new streetwear. The kids are trading in their trainers for boots and clothing for durable workwear garments. Fashion designers and their diffusion labels are looking to authentic products for inspiration while the designer jeans labels are re-creating workwear-based products. For more than 80 years, Hard Yakka has provided Australian workers with quality clothing to help tackle the harsh outdoors. Today the Hard Yakka Export range is supplying clubbers, groovers and the fashion-conscious overseas with almost the same product. The Hard Yakka range consists of jackets, shirts, overshirts, waistcoats and jeans and is available at selected boutiques and specialist outlets.



Shoes with Street Creed



Travel Fox, the Italian fashion footwear famous for its colour range, versatility, style and quality, is set to challenge the big brands in the trainer war in Australia. Travel Fox offers a new, excitingly different type of sporty shoe that is destined to set the new "street creed" standard in Australian footwear. Catering to people in all types of outdoor activities, Travel Fox are for hikers, skaters, walkers, cross trainers and other popular, high energy pastimes. The Travel Fox design is so versatile that it will never look out of place, wherever you go, be it work or play. If you want a sporty shoe with style then check out Travel Fox. Available through Myers and all good, independent casual and short shoe retailers. Priced at \$130-\$180.

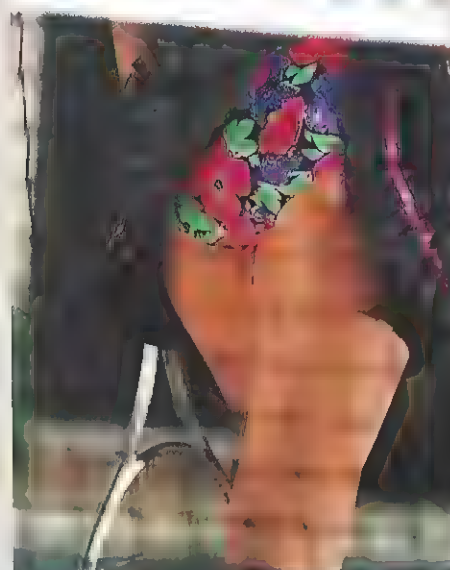


Comfort on your feet

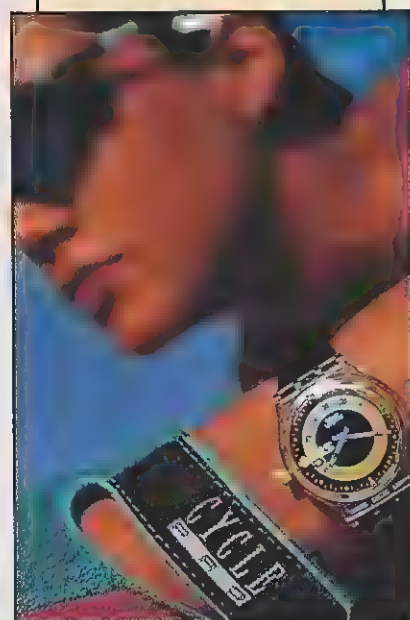
When the Rockport company opened in 1971, it set out to provide the "comfort conscious" consumer with an athletic shoe that had the looks and style of a casual shoe. When it comes to shoes, women have long been forced to make the hard choice. "Do I give up comfort for the sake of style or forego style in the name of comfort?" With the help of Rockport, world leaders in comfort technology, the choice is clear. The Rockport Women's Story - a stylish range of footwear made comfortable enough to walk in all day. All feature the Rockport Walk Support System, a combination of design with lightweight materials which absorb shock while providing comfort and stability.

HOT

Hot Botts hit town



The latest range of tennis knickers to hit the court are Hot Botts. Long gone are the days when all white was the order of the day. Nowadays, just about anything goes. Hot Botts are 100 per cent Australian-made. They come in cotton lycra with screen printed motifs or florals in nylon lycra with cotton gusset. Matching sun visors are available. Hot Botts come in small, medium and large and retail between \$20-\$25. Available from Daimaru and leading sports stores.



Swatch out, it's new!

A new watch has arrived from Switzerland - the STOP-WATCH from Swatch. Intelligent, sophisticated, yet child's play to operate. This watch will appeal to virtually everyone as, on occasions, we all need to time something. The Stop-Watch offers the easiest and most convenient way. In this first collection there are two eye-catching models ... Coffeebreak and Jess'rush. Priced at \$95 the Swatch Stop-Watch is available from good department stores and jewellers.

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

The latest in hair care is Black Diamond. Created in Australia by Julian Noel and sold around the world, Black Diamond is a naturally based range of finishing products, which give gloss, texture and hold to hair. The range is specifically for today's textured, layered styles. Black Diamond products are fragranced using the ancient science of aromatherapy. Essential oils include rosemary, ylang ylang and lemon verbena. Black Diamond products are not tested on animals and are packaged using recycled and recyclable materials. Priced from \$15. Inquiries: (03) 416 1300.





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GOURMET SMALLGOODS



HOTLINE WILL SOON BE SIZZLING

Later this month, the ASSC hotline will be installed for the information of all Members.

Just by dialling 0055 21172 from anywhere in Australia, you'll be able to hear about the latest plans for upcoming Club events, news that will be of special interest to soccer

fans and reminders of outstanding offers from the Sports Shop.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Club member discounts to games and soccer merchandise
- Issues of "Soccer Australia" magazine

Special privileges for Gold Members

- The value of Membership packages far outweighs the cost
- Funds from membership fees are used to develop and promote soccer in Australia
- The Club you support and your Soccer Federation receive a commission on your Membership fee.

I imagine being able to make your Club richer by hundreds - even thousands of dollars in a short time, and with no effort.

We all know that fund-raising is a necessary and important part of the running of every sporting club. Normally it requires a lot of time and involvement on the part of many people and sometimes the effort far outweighs the financial return.

But now the Australian Soccer Supporters Club would like to give your Club the opportunity to raise funds for your Club and, at the same time, help benefit Australian Soccer.

What Does This Mean for Your Club?

For every member or supporter of your soccer club who joins the ASSC at any of the five levels of membership, your Club will receive \$1.

A further 20c per membership will be given to your State's Soccer Federation.



FOR YOUR CLUB ... AND SOCCER

So, show this article to your friends and family who support or play for your Club and encourage them to join the ASSC.

All they have to do is be sure to nominate the Club they support when they complete the ASSC Membership Application Form and the Club will receive the funds. You'd have to agree that this is a fund-raising opportunity no Club dedicated to the sport of Soccer can afford to miss!

So if your Club doesn't have quantities of ASSC membership brochures on display, don't hesitate to call (02) 810 7000 and the ASSC will be pleased to send out sufficient brochures for everyone.

SPORTS SHOP IS A WINNER!

ASSC Members have been quick to take advantage of the savings to be gained by purchasing through the Sports Shop featured in each issue of "Soccer Australia".

And were you aware that ASSC Members also receive a special discount of up to 20% off products in the SBS Sports Catalogue as well?

If you don't have a copy and would like to see what's available, just call (02) 810 7000 and ask for one to be sent out.

IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER, HERE'S HOW TO JOIN ...

The Australian Soccer Supporters Club has been designed for both adults and children alike. There are 5 levels of Membership for you to choose from - Junior through to Gold and Family Membership. Each level includes its own package of soccer-oriented benefits.

These valuable benefits are yours for a reasonable annual membership fee.

BECOME A FOUNDATION MEMBER TODAY
Simply phone (02) 810 7000 or complete your details on the Membership Application after The Sports Shop.

SHOP AND SAVE AT THE

MEMBERS SAVE \$79

LEATHER/WOOL JACKET

A smart and relaxed combination - red Onkaparinga wool-flannel body with white lambskin leather sleeves and pockets. Features the official WYC logo on the front and official mascot on the back. The knitted rib collar, cuffs and waistband are made from 100% Australian wool. Adult sizes.

ASSC Member's Code J2A, \$316 + \$23 PH&I

Non-Member's Code J2B, \$395 + \$23 PH&I

SIZES

Small	92cm (36")
Medium	97cm (38")
Large	102cm (40")
X Large	107cm (42")



MEMBERS SAVE \$65

KIDS JACKET

Kids get into the act too with their very own version of the adult's leather/wool jacket. As well as featuring the official WYC logo on the front of the Onkaparinga wool-flannel body, both lambskin leather sleeves have a leather badge - Strike-R-Roo and Ref-R-Ree. Black only.

KIDS JACKET

ASSC Member's Code J3A, \$260 + \$22 PH&I

Non-Member's Code J3B, \$325 + \$22 PH&I

JACKET SIZES

2 - 4 years, 6 - 8 years, 10 - 12 years



MEMBERS SAVE \$100

The classic "bomber" style leather jacket is always in style. This all leather lambskin jacket features the official WYC logo on the front left panel. The knitted rib collar, cuffs and waistband are made from 100% Australian wool. Fully lined for added comfort with quilted polyester fibrefill and poly/satin lining. Adult sizes in black only.

ALL LEATHER JACKET

ASSC Member's Code J1A,

\$395 + \$25 PH&I

Non-Member's Code J1B,

\$495 + \$25 PH&I



SBS WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP EXCLUSIVE SPORTS AND LEISURE WEAR

SBS was proud to be the host broadcaster of the highly successful World Youth Championship for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup. To commemorate this event, SBS commissioned exclusive merchandise to be designed including a range of official WYC gear. Members of the

Australian Soccer Supporters Club (ASSC) receive a special discount of up to 20% off SBS merchandise. To find out more about joining the ASSC and to receive your copy of the complete SBS World Sports catalogue, please call (02) 810 7000.



MEMBERS SAVE \$10

Keep lunch fresh and cool at the match with this roomy yet lightweight Chill Pack. Styrene insulation, vinyl covering. Holds 20 litres, weighs under 1kg. Blue, red, grey or black.

CHILL PACK

ASSC Member's Code J6A, \$49.95 + \$15 PH&I

Non-Member's Code J6B, \$59.95 + \$15 PH&I



Non-Member's Code J7B, \$89.95 + \$15 PH&I

Non-Member's Code J4B, \$199 + \$15 PH&I



Code	Qty	Product Name	Size	Colour	Extended payment Yes* or No	Price inc shipping

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SAVE UP TO \$200 AND BENEFIT AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

Become a Foundation Member now of The Australian Soccer Supporters Club and receive valuable benefits.

It's a great opportunity for soccer fans right around Australia to come together and show their support for the world's most popular sport.

You're invited to become a Foundation Member and enjoy exclusive special privileges and fantastic money-saving offers. Funds raised from the Club will be used to develop and promote Australian soccer.

This innovation, sponsored by the Australian Soccer Federation and SBS, has been designed to appeal to both adults and children alike.

CHOOSE FROM 5 LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

SAVE \$35

Membership package includes:

- Certificate of membership
- A seasonal fixtures card
- Soccer sticker
- Club badge
- FREE entry to Coca-Cola* Soccer League (CCSL) games for Under 16s
- Pack of collectors cards
- Cloth patch
- Players' autograph book
- Pencil case
- Coca-Cola* Branded Squeeze Bottle
- Access to soccer skills training camps.

Value: More than \$50

Cost: \$15 per year (plus \$6 p&h)

2. STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

SAVE \$72

Offers a wide variety of valuable benefits to everyone.

You'll receive:

- Personalised membership card
- Up to 20% discount off ASF and SBS soccer merchandise
- Quarterly bumper issues of "Soccer Australia" magazine which includes the regular Club newsletters
- Up to 20% discount off national team matches (special conditions apply to WYC)
- A seasonal fixtures card
- 3 complimentary tickets to CCSL matches for the 1992-93 season
- 13 discount vouchers (save up to 20%) to 1993-94 CCSL season

Value: More than \$100

Cost: \$28 per year (plus \$6 p&h)

3. GOLD MEMBERSHIP

SAVE \$110

This exclusive level offers all the benefits of Standard Membership PLUS a range of extra preferential privileges.

The total package includes:

- Personalised gold membership card
- A year's subscription of the monthly "Soccer Australia" magazine which includes regular Club newsletters
- Access to preferential seating at international matches (excl. WYC)
- Invitations to "Meet the Players" functions
- Preferential booking and discounts to Club functions
- Invitations to Gold SBS functions
- Three complimentary tickets to CCSL matches for the 1992-93 season
- Up to 20% discount to national team matches
- Up to 20% discount on ASF and SBS soccer merchandise
- 13 discount vouchers (save up to 20%) to 1993-94 CCSL season
- A seasonal fixtures card
- Discounts on travel, accommodation and other merchandise.

Value: More than \$170

Cost: \$60 per year (plus \$6 p&h)

FREE
Coca-Cola
branded
backpack

The first 2000 Gold Family
Memberships receive a Coca-Cola
branded backpack

4 & 5. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

You'll save money when you enrol 2 adults and 2 children under 16 in your choice of 2 levels:

SAVE \$160

Standard Family Membership gives you all the benefits listed for Standard Membership (tickets and vouchers are for two adults and two children) plus two Junior Membership packs.
Value: More than \$200
Cost: \$40 per year (plus \$8.50 p&h)

SAVE \$200

Gold Family Membership gives you all the benefits listed for Gold Membership (tickets and vouchers are for 2 adults and 2 children plus 2 Junior Membership packs.
Value: More than \$270
Cost: \$70 per year (plus \$8.50 p&h)

* Trade Mark Registered.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please mail your completed form to ASSC, PO Box 96, Rozelle 2039, or Phone (02) 810 7000, 9am-5pm EST weekdays or Fax (02) 555 1703

Please enrol me as a foundation member of the Club:

1. Junior Membership \$15 + \$6 p&h
Date of Birth ____/____/____
day month year
2. Standard Membership \$28 + \$6 p&h
3. Gold Membership \$60 + \$6 p&h
- 4,5. Family Membership
Standard \$40 + \$8.50 p&h
Gold \$70 + \$8.50 p&h

TOTAL: \$ _____

Which soccer club do you support? _____
(This club will benefit from your Membership)

ASSC Member's Name _____
Title First Name Surname

Address _____
Postcode _____

Phone Number Day () _____ Evening () _____

A. Please charge my credit card
Visa MasterCard Bankcard

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Expiry date ____/____ Cardholder's Name _____

I authorise ASSC to automatically charge my membership to the Card account number listed. I understand renewal fees will be charged to the nominated Card account number until further notice and that I may cancel this authority at any time.

Cardholder's signature _____ Date _____

OR

B. Enclosed is my cheque/money order (made payable to ASSC) for \$ _____

From time to time contents of packs may vary, however value will remain the same



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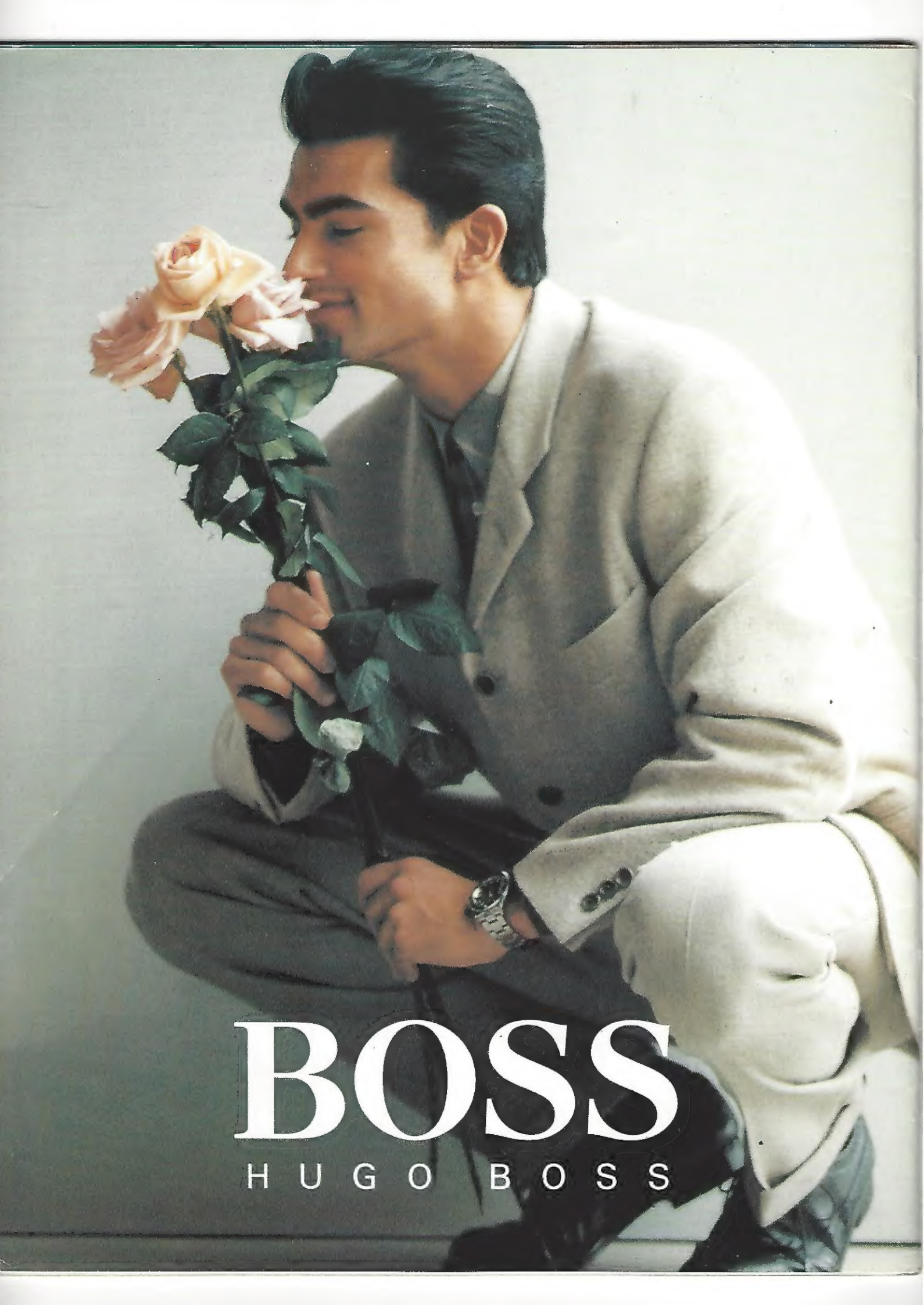
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